

EXHIBIT I

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

GGC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROGER VER,

Defendant.

Index No. 650439/2023

Motion Seq. No. 001

NOTICE OF MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the accompanying memorandum of law; the Affirmation of Jason Gottlieb dated June 14, 2023 and the exhibits annexed thereto; the Affirmation of Alex van Voorhees dated June 14, 2023 and the exhibits annexed thereto; and upon all prior proceedings heretofore had herein, Plaintiff / Counterclaim-Defendant GGC International Limited will move this Court in the Motion Submission Part Courtroom, Room 130, at the Courthouse located at 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, on the 30th day of June, 2023 at 9:30 am, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an order pursuant to CPLR 3211(a)(1) and 3211(a)(7) dismissing the Counterclaims, dated May 9, 2023, filed by Defendant / Counterclaim-Plaintiff Roger Ver, and for such other, further, and different relief that the Court deems just and proper.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to CPLR 2214(b), answering papers, if any, are required to be served upon the undersigned so as to be received at least seven (7) days before the return date of this motion.

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023

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**AFFIRMATION OF JASON
GOTTLIEB**

JASON GOTTLIEB, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under penalties of perjury and pursuant to CPLR 2106:

1. I am a member of Morrison Cohen LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff / Counterclaim-Defendant GGC International Limited (“GGC International”). I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances contained in this affirmation.
2. I submit this affirmation in support of GGC International’s motion to dismiss the counterclaims of Defendant / Counterclaim-Plaintiff Roger Ver (“Ver”).
3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of Ver’s Answer and Counterclaims dated May 9, 2023 (NYSCEF No. 11).
4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of GGC International’s Complaint against Ver, dated March 28, 2023 (NYSCEF No. 9).
5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of relevant portions of a transcript of an oral decision, obtained from PACER, in *In re Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 08-13555 (JMP), 2011 Bankr. LEXIS 1899 (S.D.N.Y. Bankr. May 23, 2011).

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023

/s/ Jason Gottlieb
Jason Gottlieb

WORD COUNT CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Rule 17 of subdivision (g) of section 202.70 of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme Court and County Court (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court), I hereby certify that the total number of words in this memorandum of law, excluding the caption, signature block, and word count certification is 181.

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023

/s/ Jason Gottlieb
Jason Gottlieb

Exhibit A

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GENESIS GLOBAL CAPITAL
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**ANSWER AND
COUNTERCLAIM OF
ROGER VER**

Defendant, Roger Ver (“Ver”), by and through his attorneys, Kelman PLLC, in response to the allegations contained in the complaint of Genesis Global Capital International Limited (“GGCI”) filed herein, alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

This case exposes the deceptive tactics of an insolvent derivatives trading desk desperate to remain afloat. GGCI’s own derivatives contracts mandated continuous solvency. Yet when Ver sought confirmation of their financial status, GGCI deceived him with misleading financial information and induced him to provide tens of millions of dollars in additional collateral.

In June 2022, GGCI faced insolvency as Three Arrows Capital (“3AC”) started to collapse. Desperate for assets, they targeted Ver, a significant customer with multiple expiring options that month. To collect from him, GGCI let Ver’s out-of-the-money options expire; to avoid paying him, GGCI persuaded Ver to roll in-the-money options to a later date. Meanwhile, Genesis secretly planned to margin call and liquidate 3AC immediately after the roll, which would drive Ver’s expiring positions to new lows.

The moment Ver’s out-of-the-money June options expired, GGCI abruptly demanded that Ver over-collateralize the positions he had just rolled by a staggering 300%. Since GGCI had

always accepted digital assets as collateral at mark-to-market prices, this sudden and unprecedented low valuation raised Ver's suspicions about GGCI's solvency.

In fact, GGCI was attempting to cover up their insolvency by squeezing Ver for exorbitant sums of collateral. Although GGCI outwardly applied a low valuation to Ver's digital assets, once they had them in hand, GGCI would add them to their balance sheet as assets valued mark-to-market. This accounting trick promised to boost GGCI's assets by several hundred million dollars and return them to solvency.

Ver demanded proof of GGCI's solvency before he would provide any further collateral. GGCI then provided Ver with a Statement of Financial Condition ("SOFC") dated June 20, 2022, which misleadingly portrayed a narrow positive equity. In truth, however, GGCI was already insolvent. The SOFC hid GGCI's insolvency by using the same accounting trick — overvaluing illiquid digital assets by using undiscounted mark-to-market prices. Had GGCI applied appropriate discounts to their digital assets, as they demanded from Ver, their SOFC would have revealed their insolvency and Ver would have terminated the contracts as a result of GGCI's default.

In December 2022, the collapse of the FTX exchange and Alameda Research revealed that GGCI had been insolvent all along. Ver was alerted to GGCI's insolvency by an interview wherein FTX and Alameda co-founder Sam Bankman-Fried stated that Alameda had repaid a \$2.5 billion dollar loan to "Genesis" in August 2022. This appeared to be an obvious preference transfer that would be subject to clawback.

Citing the \$2.5 billion repayment from Alameda, Ver requested that GGCI provide further assurances that it had been solvent in June 2022. Ver reminded GGCI that he had faithfully provided additional collateral for months, including a substantial \$37 million in

payments just weeks earlier. GGCI acknowledged that the timing and size of Ver's recent collateral contributions underscored his genuine concern, since he could have simply raised these arguments instead of paying GGCI \$37 million dollars.

Consequently, GGCI reluctantly shared its 2021 audited financials with Ver, and denied that it had ever had any involvement with FTX or Alameda. However, analysis of GGCI's 2021 financials directly contradicted these claims. GGCI's 2021 financials revealed that it had allowed a single counterparty to open a \$2.5 billion position, collateralized exclusively by FTX's own FTT tokens, which were valued at inflated mark-to-market prices. It was evident that these FTT tokens had come from Alameda.

Despite GGCI's repeated misrepresentations and false assurances of solvency, Ver maintains his willingness to pay any outstanding sums owed, provided GGCI can finally demonstrate they were solvent at the relevant times. To date, they have yet to do so.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT

Preliminary Statement

1. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 1.
2. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 2.
3. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 3 and alleges the documents referenced therein speak for themselves. Further, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms. Further, the parties also did not execute the ISDA Credit Support Annex, and no elections were made as to Section 13 of that agreement, entitled "Elections and Variables."

4. Defendant lacks sufficient information and knowledge to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 4.

5. Defendant admits that the Master Confirmation Agreement makes certain elections and modifications to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex as alleged in paragraph 5. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or the ISDA Credit Support Annex, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or Section 13 of the ISDA Support Annex, each of which contain material terms.

6. Defendant lacks sufficient information and knowledge to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 6, but believes same to be true.

7. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 7. As discussed in Mr. Ver's counterclaim below GGCI was likely insolvent well in advance of December 2022. The precise date of GGCI's insolvency is not currently known, but this dispute may implicate option contracts with different expiration dates.

8. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 8. As will be evident from Mr. Ver's counterclaim, Plaintiff was in default of the option agreements well in advance of December 2022 and, in fact, owes Mr. Ver damages estimated to be well in excess of \$20 million.

9. Defendant admits receiving the notices referenced in paragraph 9 but denies that he owed GGCI anything as a result of its default and breach of the contracts between the parties.

10. Defendant admits receiving the "Calculation Statement" referenced in paragraph 10 but denies that he owed GGCI anything as a result of its default and breach of the contracts between the parties.

11. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 11 that he has failed to pay the sums identified in paragraph 10 as the funds requested are not duly owed as a result of GGCI's default and breach of the contracts between the parties.

12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12.

13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 13 and states that the parties did not execute a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or the schedules attached thereto which contain material terms.

The Parties

14. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 14.

15. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 15. Mr. Ver is a citizen of St. Kitts, but does not reside at 858 Zenway Blvd. Unit 15-203, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts and Nevis.

Jurisdiction and Venue

16. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 16. While the Master Confirmation makes reference to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Support Annex, no such agreements were executed by the parties, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or Section 13 of the ISDA Support Annex, which contain material terms.

17. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 17.

18. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 18.

Statement of Facts

19. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 19.

20. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 20. While the Master Confirmation makes reference to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Support Annex, no such agreements were executed by the parties, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or Section 13 of the ISDA Support Annex, which contain material terms.

21. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 21.

22. Defendant admits that the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement "provides general conditions for payment and delivery" as alleged in paragraph 22. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

23. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 23. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

24. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 24. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

25. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 25. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

26. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 26. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

27. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 27. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

28. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 28. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

29. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 29. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

30. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 30. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

31. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 31. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement,

and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

32. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 32. Further, the document speaks for itself.

33. Defendant admits that the form 2002 ISDA Master Agreement is accurately quoted in paragraph 33. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

34. Defendant admits that the parties executed various option transactions as alleged in paragraph 34 but currently lacks sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to whether a transaction confirmation was sent for each and every transaction.

35. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 35. However, Mr. Ver admits that he did not terminate the contracts as a direct result of GGCI's multiple intentional misrepresentations regarding its solvency and other related issues.

36. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 36 to the extent that GGCI is attempting to limit this dispute to three transactions. Upon information and belief, GGCI was insolvent by June 2022 and, in fact, owed Mr. Ver substantial sums. Defendant admits that the terms of the three option contracts reflected in paragraph 36 are accurate.

37. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 37. Further, the documents speak for themselves.

38. Defendant admits that three option contracts expired in December 2022 as alleged in paragraph 38, but denies that these are the only option contracts at issue in this dispute.

39. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 39, but denies that any sums were owed to GGCI as a result of its breach of the agreements between the parties and is owed substantial sums from GGCI.

40. Defendant admits to receiving the notice referenced in paragraph 40. Further, the document speaks for itself.

41. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 41, but denies that any sums were duly owed to GGCI as a result of its default and various breaches of the agreements.

42. Defendant admits to receiving the notice referenced in paragraph 42. Further, the document speaks for itself.

43. Defendant admits to receiving the notice referenced in paragraph 43. Further, the document speaks for itself.

44. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 41, but denies that any sums were duly owed to GGCI as a result of its own default and various breaches of the agreements.

45. Defendant admits to receiving the notice referenced in paragraph 45. Further, the document speaks for itself.

46. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 46. However, the parties never executed a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, which contains material terms of the agreement. Further, the document speaks for itself.

47. Defendant admits to receiving the notice referenced in paragraph 47 but denies the accuracy of the alleged sums owed contained therein. Further, the document speaks for itself.

48. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 41, but denies that any sums were duly owed to GGCI as a result of its own default and various breaches of the agreements.

49. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 49.

Claims for Relief
Claim One

50. Defendant repeats and incorporates in full his responses each allegation set forth in paragraphs 1–49.

51. The allegations in paragraph 51 state legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the parties did not execute a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or ISDA Support Annex, and no elections were made as to the schedule to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement or Section 13 of the ISDA Support Annex, which contain material terms.

52. The allegations in paragraph 52 state legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations contained therein as GGCI failed to meet its contractual obligations to Mr. Ver.

53. The allegations in paragraph 53 state legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 53.

54. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 54.

55. The allegations in paragraph 55 state legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 55.

56. The allegations in paragraph 56 state legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 56.

Request for Relief

Defendant denies the allegations in the Request for Relief, including the “Wherefore” clause, that Plaintiff is entitled to any form or any amount of relief.

Affirmative Defenses

57. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
58. Plaintiff has failed to produce all of the relevant agreements between the parties, including agreements related to the ISDA Master Agreement, including but not limited to the confirmations, definition booklets and credit support documentation.
59. The Plaintiff’s requests for relief are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.
60. Plaintiff lacks standing to avail itself of the Courts of the State of New York in that it is a foreign corporation, doing business in New York, without payment of the required taxes and fees in connection with its business operations.
61. Plaintiff failed to act in a commercially reasonable manner.
62. Plaintiff has breached the agreement between the parties, barring Plaintiff’s request for relief.

COUNTERCLAIM

The Parties

63. Roger Ver (“Ver”) is the Counter-Plaintiff in this action. Ver is a natural person and a resident and citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis.
64. Genesis Global Capital International Limited (“GGCI”) is the Counter-Defendant in this action. GGCI is a British Virgin Islands company limited by shares with a principal place of business in New York.

Related Non-Parties

65. Genesis Global Limited (“Genesis Global”) is the ultimate parent of GGCI.

66. Genesis Global Trading, Inc. (“Genesis Trading”) is a subsidiary of Digital Currency Group, and it is a leading cryptocurrency trading and lending firm that primarily serves institutional clients.

67. Genesis Asia Pacific Limited Pte (“GAP”) is a Singapore private limited company that has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of New York.

68. Collectively, GGCI, Genesis Global, Genesis Trading, GAP and their affiliates are referred to as “Genesis”.

69. Digital Currency Group, Inc (“DCG”) is a global venture capital company that invests in blockchain and digital currency-related companies. DCG is the ultimate parent of Genesis.

70. Three Arrows Capital Limited (“3AC”) was a Singapore-based investment firm that specialized in trading and investing in cryptocurrencies and other digital assets before its stunning collapse in mid-2022. They are now being liquidated in the BVI.

71. Alameda Research LLC (“Alameda”) was a quantitative cryptocurrency trading firm that was founded in 2017 by Sam Bankman-Fried. Alameda, along with FTX and more than 130 affiliated entities, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November 2022.

72. FTX International Limited (aka FTX Trading Limited) (“FTX”) is a cryptocurrency derivatives exchange that was launched in 2019 by Sam Bankman-Fried and others. As discussed above, FTX, and more than 130 affiliated entities, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November 2022.

73. Sam Bankman-Fried (“SBF”) is the now disgraced co-founder and CEO of both FTX and Alameda Research, and was at the heart of one of, if not the, largest cryptocurrency thefts in history, stealing billions of dollars from his customers and using those funds to pay down debts owed by companies he owned or controlled, including Alameda and FTX.

GGCI Solicits Ver’s Business

74. On June 10, 2020, GGCI approached Ver, a well-known Bitcoin Cash (“BCH”) proponent, to trade BCH-based over-the-counter derivatives. GGCI sought to start a BCH options book with Ver’s help.

75. Though experienced in digital asset investment, Ver was new to options trading.

76. Ver was initially hesitant to entrust GGCI with significant assets. Seeking to win Ver’s business, GGCI proposed a mechanism to earn interest on his collateral while his positions were open.

77. On June 15, 2020, GGCI suggested that Ver could lend his BCH to GGCI at interest while simultaneously using the same assets as collateral for derivative contracts with GGCI.

78. This arrangement, where Ver’s interest-bearing loans served as collateral for GGCI trades, induced Ver to trade derivatives with GGCI.

The Master Confirmation Agreement and Key Terms

79. On June 15, 2020, Ver and GGCI executed a Master Loan Agreement (“MLA”) which promised to pay Ver interest at agreed upon rates to be determined by the parties during the course of the agreement’s term.

80. On June 22, 2020, Ver and GGCi executed a Master Confirmation Agreement to govern their derivative contracts, which was then amended on July 13, 2020 (collectively, the “MCA”).

81. The MCA referenced International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) form agreements, such as the 1994 Credit Support Annex and the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement. These agreements aimed to protect parties in over-the-counter derivatives transactions against potential issues, such as insolvency or misrepresentation.

82. Although the parties agreed in various transaction confirmations that the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement and the 1994 Credit Annex formed part of the MCA, neither party ever executed and/or signed either of these documents. Consequently, none of the schedules to either of them formed part of its terms.

83. In the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, section 5(a)(vii)(2) required parties to remain solvent at all times, stating that it was an Event of Default if either party “becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts.”

84. Additionally, section 5(a)(iv) prohibited misrepresentation, declaring an Event of Default if a party made “[a] representation... [which] proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated.”

85. Each time Ver and GGCi transacted, they executed an individual transaction confirmation based on the MCA terms. These terms specified collateral requirements, eligible collateral types, and valuation methods. The MCA listed both US dollars and a “Reference Currency” as eligible collateral, with a valuation percentage of “100% at Spot Rate.”

86. The MCA's use of "Reference Currency" valued at "100% Spot Rate" meant that the underlying digital asset being traded in the derivative contract could serve as collateral, and it would be valued based on its mark-to-market value in the spot markets.

87. Despite earlier Telegram communications stating otherwise, the confirmations did not mention Ver's loans as acceptable collateral. However, GGCI disregarded ISDA's standards and the MCA's written terms and eased collateral requirements throughout their course of dealing.

88. In fact, it was a common practice for GGCI to ease collateral requirements, not only for Ver, but also for its other counterparties.

The Importance of Solvency in Derivative Transactions

89. Derivative transactions involve bets on the future price of an underlying asset. If a counterparty becomes insolvent during the contract, the winning party may not be able to collect, undermining the transaction's sole purpose.

90. To mitigate this counterparty risk, the 2002 Master ISDA required parties to maintain solvency at all times (the "Solvency Requirement").

91. The Solvency Requirement was crucial for Ver's decision to enter the MCA, since it ensured that he could collect from GGCI if his derivative positions were successful. The Solvency Requirement also benefited GGCI, as they could collect from Ver and potentially foreclose on collateral if needed.

92. The Solvency Requirement was designed to apply to any bankruptcy or insolvency laws relevant to a party. For GGCI, a BVI company operating in New York, insolvency under BVI or New York law would breach the requirement. GGCI would be insolvent if it couldn't meet obligations when due, or if its liabilities exceeded its assets.

93. GGCI's collateral policy was essential for compliance with the Solvency Requirement. If a counterparty failed to pay, GGCI would incur losses, potentially leading to insolvency as assets were either removed from their balance sheet or had their value greatly reduced.

94. To mitigate this risk, GGCI required counterparties to provide collateral before opening positions, and it was GGCI's responsibility to maintain adequate collateral and ensure their assets exceeded liabilities at all times. Again, any failure to do so would undermine the entire purpose of the transactions.

GGCI Failed to Enforce Collateral Requirements

95. The MCA and its Transaction Confirmations contained strict collateral requirements for Ver, but GGCI did not enforce them. Instead, GGCI allowed Ver and other customers to maintain undercollateralized positions and provide exotic, illiquid digital assets as collateral.

96. Firstly, GGCI never required Ver to post US dollars or Reference Currency as collateral. They allowed Ver to use unrelated digital assets, such as Monero (XMR) and Binance Coin (BNB), even though these assets were unrelated to the underlying derivative transaction.

97. GGCI permitted other customers to provide even more illiquid and exotic assets as collateral, such as FTT tokens.

98. On information and belief, GGCI also allowed SOL, OXY, MPS and SRM as collateral to support billions in loans.

99. Secondly, GGCI valued this exotic collateral at mark-to-market prices without applying appropriate discounts for illiquidity or potential losses during liquidation.

100. Thirdly, GGCI allowed Ver to maintain collateral amounts below the required sum in the MCA.

101. Fourthly, GGCI didn't request additional collateral from Ver when the US dollar value of his digital assets fell below key thresholds.

102. Fifthly, GGCI permitted Ver to use digital assets he had loaned at interest as collateral, which meant that GGCI was taking on additional counterparty risk by redeploying Ver's collateral to profit from an interest rate spread.

103. GGCI's relaxed collateral requirements were not exclusive to Ver. They extended the same or similar benefits to other counterparties, resulting in an increased risk of loss and insolvency if the market turned against them.

104. Nor were GGCI's relaxed collateral requirements embodied in any agreement or official special status afforded to Ver or other particular customers. Rather, GGCI simply neglected to enforce the written terms of their agreements.

GGCI's Collateral Exposed to "Daisy Chain" of Debts

105. GGCI did not directly possess all of the digital asset collateral deposited by counterparties like Ver. Instead, GGCI sought to generate profits by loaning out this collateral and profiting from the interest rate spread. This practice, however, exposed GGCI's collateral value to increased counterparty risk, as they needed to recover the loaned collateral before liquidating it to cover a default.

106. GGCI's collateral practices created a precarious chain of debt obligations. Essentially, a house of cards. Under normal market conditions, they could manage this debt chain by obtaining US dollars. However, during times of market stress and illiquidity, a single default

could render GGCI unable to access the collateral deposited by Ver or others, exposing them to immense loss.

107. Without US dollar cash reserves, GGCI would be forced to liquidate investments at fire sale prices, or call in loans from borrowers who may default. During periods of market illiquidity and stress, GGCI's relaxed collateral practices increased the risk of GGCI becoming undercollateralized and insolvent.

108. On information and belief, GGCI would routinely loan out their digital assets to other Genesis entities, including GAP, who would loan it to counterparties such as 3AC.

109. These related party loans would eventually become impaired by 3AC's insolvency. In June 2022, 3AC defaulted on more than \$2.3 billion to GAP, causing losses to GGCI as related party loans became impaired.

110. Barry Silbert, who controlled GGCI and the Genesis Entities through his position as Chairman of DCG, was aware of this risk. In a June 2021 tweet, he acknowledged the "daisy chain" of debts and emphasized the importance of understanding counterparty risk and identifying weak links in the chain. Regrettably, Silbert failed to recognize that these weak links existed within his own organization, ultimately jeopardizing the safety of GGCI's collateral.



GGCI Overstates its Financial Health: Deviating from ASC 820

111. GGCI's mark-to-market valuation of digital assets, including those not physically possessed, resulted in an overstatement of its financial health.

112. Note 2 to GGCI's December 31, 2021 audited financial statement detailed the significant accounting policies and the methods used to derive valuations for its assets and liabilities. The statement claimed compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

113. U.S. GAAP utilizes ASC 820 for determining "fair value," which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

114. ASC 820 establishes a hierarchy of inputs for determining fair value, prioritizing observable inputs and requiring additional disclosures when unobservable inputs are relied on.

115. GGCI concluded all digital assets and liabilities were recorded and valued based on Level 2 inputs – which are defined as "significant observable inputs".

116. ASC 820's hierarchy includes three levels:

- a. Level 1 (unadjusted spot price in an active market, such as the quoted price of Apple shares on the New York Stock Exchange);
- b. Level 2 (spot prices from less active markets and may or may not be discounted); and
- c. Level 3 (providing the most discretion, since the quoted price is unreliable and the evaluator is thus forced to rely on other inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement).

117. GGCI determined the fair market value of assets in "digital currency investments" and liabilities under "digital currency collateral payable" using Level 2.

118. Digital assets are a famously volatile asset class, characterized by extreme price fluctuations and inherent unpredictability. Market movements are driven by factors such as technological advancements, regulatory changes, market sentiment, global economic conditions, illiquidity, and, at times, price manipulation.

119. At all times relevant, GGCI valued all of their digital assets at mark-to-market prices and never applied a discount to them.

120. Despite liquidity concerns and worsening market conditions beginning in May 2022, GGCI never applied a discount to their Level 2 assets. All such assets continued to be valued at mark-to-market prices.

121. GGCI's refusal to apply appropriate discounts to its Level 2 assets allowed GGCI to overstate its financial health and created a misleading picture of a solvent entity where one did not exist.

Over Exposure to Alameda & FTX

122. During the course of 2021, Genesis entities engaged in a broad relaxation of their lending standards, and began to accept increasingly illiquid and exotic digital assets as collateral for loan and obligations and derivative contracts, creating a precarious financial situation.

123. On information and belief, GGCI went insolvent at some point during 2021 when it made a loan of \$2.5 billion and accepted FTT tokens as collateral. GGCI valued these FTT tokens mark-to-market, which overstated the real value of FTT and resulted in a severe under collateralization, as Alameda had manipulated FTT's price higher to borrow against it.

124. Consequently, GGCI was grossly overexposed to a single counterparty. GGCI's 2021 audited financials reported that on December 31, 2021 the company held \$2.370 billion in

“digital collateral payable”, 99% of which were FTT tokens owed to a single counterparty.

These FTT tokens represented *nearly 70%* of GGCI’s then total assets.

125. However, the actual fair market value of these FTT tokens was far lower than the mark-to-market prices used by GGCI, which resulted in significantly fewer assets than reported.

126. Were GGCI to foreclose on the FTT tokens and sell them for US dollars, *they would have been unable to recover anywhere near the full amount owed.*

127. GGCI’s overexposure to FTT resulted from a quid pro quo relationship between Alameda and Genesis executives.

128. FTX and Alameda granted Genesis executives early access to purchase FTT tokens at discounted rates before public issuance.

129. This conflict of interest compromised GGCI’s risk management policies and practices, as executives were incentivized to authorize GGCI to take excessive risks for their personal benefit.

130. If not for these conflicts of interest, Genesis executives might have conducted adequate due diligence on their \$2.5 billion loan and learned of Alameda’s scheme to manipulate FTT prices and increase its borrowing ability.

131. In a complaint against Alameda’s former CEO, Caroline Ellison, the SEC details this manipulation. Ellison engaged in automated FTT token purchases to inflate the value of Alameda’s collateral, increasing risks for lenders accepting FTT as collateral.

132. The market crash of May 2022 only worsened GGCI’s finances, as Alameda suffered substantial losses, which exacerbated its inability to repay its loan to GGCI.

133. After May 2022’s market crash, Alameda focused its efforts on propping up the price of FTT token, continuing to engage in market operations and offering lines of credit to

insolvent entities with large FTT positions to prevent FTT from being liquidated, which would have publicly revealed Alameda's insolvency.

134. In August 2022, after realizing that Genesis and GGCI would liquidate FTT tokens and reveal their insolvency, Alameda misappropriated customer funds to repay Genesis and GGCI, which was a preferential transfer at the expense of FTX creditors subject to clawback.

135. Afterwards, Alameda replaced the missing \$2.5 billion in FTX customer deposits with the FTT tokens they had just received from Genesis and GGCI, and by valuing FTT at its inflated mark-to-market price created the illusion that FTX remained solvent.

136. In November 2022, the digital asset exchange Binance called Alameda's bluff and threatened to sell their FTT tokens on the open market, which revealed their lack of liquidity. FTX and Alameda were finally revealed to be insolvent and filed for bankruptcy less than three months after having repaid \$2.5 billion to Genesis and GGCI.

Over Exposure to 3AC & the Crash of May 2022

137. In May 2022, digital asset markets experienced a steep decline due to the collapse of digital assets LUNA and TerraUSD, causing significant losses, liquidations, and a snowball effect of defaults and insolvencies.

138. 3AC was central to the crash, resulting in substantial losses for GGCI and its counterparties. 3AC owed over \$3 billion to creditors, including \$2.3 billion to GAP, its largest creditor.

139. Genesis and GAP were overexposed to 3AC, driven by conflicts of interest related to generating demand for the various digital asset trusts operated by Grayscale (the

“Grayscale Trusts”). DCG, Genesis’ parent company, owned the investment manager for the Grayscale Trusts and profited from the fees it generated.

140. Since 2020, GAP had been loaning funds to 3AC to fund its Grayscale Trust purchases. However, GBTC’s¹ value declined, resulting in substantial unrealized losses for 3AC. While shares in GBTC traded at a premium to its net asset value when 3AC began conducting the trade in 2020, by June 2022 they were trading at a 30% discount.

141. Genesis’ concerns over their exposure to 3AC had reached a boiling point by January 2022. That month, Genesis executives had 3AC pledge their GBTC shares to GAP as security. But as the net asset value of GBTC continued to fall, so did the value of GAP’s pledged assets.

142. Upon information and belief, Genesis’ 3AC exposure did not end with the Bitcoin trust, as 3AC was an investor in the other Grayscale Trusts.

143. In May 2022, after LUNA’s collapse, Genesis executives spoke with 3AC and, on information and belief, determined that 3AC was insolvent.

144. However, GAP’s significant exposure to 3AC posed a risk to the solvency of the entire Genesis enterprise, including GGCI, due to various related party loans and intercompany debts. Consequently, Genesis opted not to issue margin calls to 3AC, despite the terms of their agreement permitting such action, in order to prevent further destabilizing their own financial situation.

145. On information and belief, if not insolvent as a result of the \$2.5 billion loan backed by FTT discussed herein, GGCI was insolvent as a result of 3AC’s inability to repay GAP by the end of May 2022.

¹ GBTC is the Grayscale Bitcoin Trust, just one of a number of digital asset trusts operated by Grayscale and DCG.

146. On June 10, GGCi's need to obtain more capital became urgent. That day, 3AC's accounts on the Deribit derivatives platform were liquidated. Genesis executives, alarmed by the Deribit liquidations and cognizant of 3AC's insolvency, understood that 3AC's demise was near and formulated a strategy to avoid immediate recognition of a \$2.3 billion loss.

147. The plan centered on GAP seizing Grayscale BTC trust shares and other digital assets pledged by 3AC as security for their undercollateralized loans. However, since issuing an unpayable margin call to 3AC would expose their insolvency, Genesis needed to act quickly before the market caught on. By securing 3AC assets ahead of other creditors, GAP aimed to offset the substantial loss and safeguard both its own balance sheet and those of its affiliates.

148. On June 12, Genesis executives set the plan in motion. GAP issued a margin call to 3AC, demanding an additional \$334 million in collateral payments, fully aware that 3AC would be unable to meet the requirement.

149. On June 13, GAP served a notice of default on 3AC, enabling GAP to liquidate the limited collateral they held and pursue emergency relief to seize further 3AC assets ahead of other creditors.

150. On June 15, GAP initiated arbitration against 3AC, seeking more than \$2.3 billion in loan recovery and emergency relief. This included seeking a preliminary injunction directing 3AC to freeze more than \$2.3 billion, and to deposit the pledged assets with GAP, which were allegedly valued at \$462 million at the time.

151. In their arbitration filing, GAP noted that “[d]ue to recent extreme volatility in the cryptocurrency markets, the value of the collateral already posted by Three Arrows decreased significantly in comparison to the loaned assets under the MLAs.”

152. On June 16, news of the notice of default GAP had issued to 3AC was publicized in the media, and numerous other 3AC lenders began making margin calls and issuing default notices.

153. On June 21, GAP's request for a preliminary injunction to freeze or seize certain 3AC pledged assets was denied. A further hearing scheduled for July 5, making it evident GAP wouldn't secure these assets by month's end.

154. Due to the monthly reporting schedule followed by all Genesis entities, it became apparent that GAP and its affiliates, including GGCI, would have to recognize losses related to 3AC in their month-end financial reports for June 2022, which also coincided with their quarterly reporting obligations.

155. On June 30, DCG had accepted that GAP, GGCI, and other entities were insolvent and needed capital injections. Accordingly, DCG loaned \$1.1 billion to Genesis Global.

156. On information and belief, Genesis Global then injected \$150 million into GGCI. This amount was recorded as an asset in a newly added line item, "Other", to GGCI's June 30, 2022, SOFC. Without this, GGCI's negative equity would have exceeded \$136 million on June 30.

157. Consequently, at the latest, GGCI was insolvent in June due to various factors, including inaccurate loss recording, failure to apply appropriate discounts to Level 2 digital assets in the midst of a liquidity event, untimely recognition of substantial losses linked to 3AC and related parties, and untimely recognition of losses tied to the FTT-collateralized loan.

GGCI's Misrepresentations of Solvency

158. In or about early June, GGCI devised a plan to strengthen its balance sheet. They aimed to persuade their biggest clients, including Ver, to roll currently profitable options expiring

in June to later dates, thereby allowing GGCI to avoid making payments. Meanwhile, GGCI would allow Ver's currently unprofitable June options to expire, thereby bringing funds into GGCI from Ver and others.

159. On information and belief, Genesis knew GGCI was insolvent by such time.

160. On June 7, GGCI asked Ver to roll his deep in-the-money Ethereum options to a later date. Those options expired on June 24. Ver declined.

161. On June 9, GGCI sent Ver an article about Ethereum's progress to pique his interest about rolling the options Ver did not respond.

162. On June 10, Deribit's liquidation of 3AC signaled 3AC's imminent collapse.

163. On June 11, GGCI again requested Ver to roll only his in-the-money Ethereum options to a later date, and offered him attractive terms. Unaware that Genesis planned to margin call and liquidate 3AC immediately afterwards, Ver agreed to let GGCI roll his in-the-money options.

164. On June 12 and 13, digital asset prices fell as 3AC was margin called, defaulted, and liquidations commenced, as had been planned by Genesis

165. Meanwhile, on June 13, and again on the 14th, GGCI requested further collateral from Ver. On June 15, to keep Genesis executives happy, Ver reduced his exposure to GGCI by \$22.5 million by buying certain BTC call options.

166. From June 16 to June 24, GGCI continued discussions with Ver about the additional types of collateral he could offer, and learned it was Ver's strong preference to post a combination of digital assets and certain shares in private companies. GGCI indicated they were prepared to accept these assets as collateral, as they had done previously.

167. Throughout the life of their two year business relationship, GGCI had always accepted different forms of collateral from Ver, and allowed him to maintain undercollateralized positions. In fact, it had been GGCI's offer to pay Ver interest on his digital asset collateral, in direct violation of the MCA's collateral requirements, that had induced Ver to trade with GGCI and to continue trading up until that time.

168. However, upon the expiration of Ver's out-of-the-money options on June 24, Genesis executives abruptly changed their policy. They demanded that Ver immediately provide 100% of the required collateral in either US dollars or Reference Currency as stated in the MCA, or face a notice of default.

169. Based on the course of the parties' dealings, GGCI knew Ver was not expecting to be required to pay the full sum of collateral in US dollars or Reference Currency on that day, which GGCI had never required him to do during their two year relationship.

170. GGCI's plan was to extract an excessive sum of collateral from Ver. GGCI offered to accept his digital assets and shares as collateral, but only if he *over*-collateralized his position by 300% to 600%. Were Ver to pay in digital assets, GGCI wanted him to supply 300% as much collateral as the value of his entire position. If in private shares, 600%.

171. As a result of the abrupt change in policy and attempt to extract an excessive sum of collateral, Ver began to suspect GGCI's insolvency. He nonetheless agreed to discuss details with GGCI on a call the following day, June 25.

172. On the June 25th call, Defendants threatened to issue a notice of default if Ver did not immediately pay the full amount in US dollars or Reference Currency or meet their excessive collateral demands.

173. Considering the state of the markets, Ver requested proof of GGCI's solvency. Thereafter, GGCI backed off their demands for excessive sums of collateral, began engaging in more constructive discussions to immediately accept certain digital assets, and continued discussions with Ver as to other assets to pledge as collateral.

174. On information and belief, even using inflated mark-to-market prices for digital assets, GGCI was insolvent on June 25 and were therefore unable to provide Ver with proof of their solvency.

175. GAP had just lost its bid to freeze 3AC assets in the emergency arbitration hearing on June 21. At the very latest, GAP should have written down their impaired 3AC loans by such date, which would have resulted in GGCI also writing down any related party loans with GAP.

176. Initially, GGCI declined to provide up-to-date solvency proof to Ver, stating they did not produce point-in-time financial statements.

177. However, on June 28, after Ver had informed GGCI that he was not comfortable sending any further collateral without proof of GGCI's solvency, GGCI provided a point in time financial statement. This statement of financial condition (the "June 20 SOFC") revealed GGCI's various assets and liabilities as of June 20.

178. The June 20 SOFC claimed total assets of \$3.063 billion and liabilities of \$2.962 billion, which gave GGCI positive equity of just over \$100 million. Given that \$1.594 billion of GGCI's assets were digital assets ("Investments in digital currencies"), even a small fluctuation in the market would render them insolvent.

Genesis Global Capital International Limited
Statement of Financial Condition (Unaudited)
June 20, 2022
(in thousands)

Assets

Cash	\$ 12,929
Investments in digital currencies	1,594,209
Derivative assets	442,733
Collateral receivable	454,449
Receivable from customers	159,182
Loans receivable	399,560
Total assets	\$ 3,063,062

Liabilities and stockholder's equity**Liabilities**

Collateral payable	\$ 2,094,617
Payable to customers	94,569
Loans payable	606,477
Derivative liabilities	167,132
Total liabilities	\$ 2,962,795

Stockholder's equity:

Total stockholder's equity	100,267
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 3,063,062

179. Faced with an apparently solvent GGCI, who had by now backed off their demands for excessive collateral, Ver saw no choice but to keep his remaining positions open at GGCI and cooperate with them to ensure collateral levels were mutually acceptable until his remaining options expired.

180. However, what Ver did not know at the time was that the June 20 SOFC was an accounting farce. The \$1.596 billion in digital assets was in fact worth far less, and consisted of a large sum of illiquid FTT tokens, which if sold would have left a large shortfall remaining to GGCI from an insolvent counterparty.

181. The SOFC's chosen date of June 20 was no accident and was a central part of that farce. The SOFC did not reflect the full write down of 3AC's impaired loans. On information

and belief, the 3AC loans were deemed impaired by Genesis on June 21 when GAP's request for emergency relief was denied and GAP had no further collateral to support such debts.

182. When GGCI's plan to seize exorbitant amounts of collateral from Ver failed, GGCI entered discussions with their parent company to receive an injection of capital, which occurred on June 30 when DCG injected \$1.1 billion into Genesis.

Ver Discovers GGCI's Insolvency

183. On November 11, 2022, FTX and Alameda filed for bankruptcy. Their bankruptcy came after a rapid decline when Binance, another exchange, announced they would sell their FTT tokens on the open market. Since FTT tokens were highly illiquid and their prices artificially inflated by Alameda, their value plunged by over 90% following Binance's announcement.

184. The FTX and Alameda bankruptcies sent shockwaves through the digital asset markets. Surprisingly, Sam Bankman-Fried ("SBF"), the controlling principal behind FTX and Alameda, started giving public interviews, asserting that FTX wasn't truly insolvent since its balance sheet held digital assets—primarily FTT tokens—with a mark-to-market value exceeding customer liabilities. SBF was eventually indicted on numerous felony charges.

185. Later that November, rumors circulated that Genesis and its subsidiaries were insolvent when its lending arm stopped withdrawals, trapping investor funds. It was later revealed that GGCI was FTX's largest creditor.

186. Genesis initiated a restructuring plan to save its business, which focused on transferring bad assets from GGCI to other Genesis entities destined for bankruptcy. The plan aimed to raise capital to pay creditors by selling shares in a financially stable GGCI.

187. Meanwhile, Ver continued to pay collateral to GGCI. Since June 21, 2022, Ver has made total payments to GGCI in excess of \$60 million and GGCI has liquidated collateral valued in excess of \$50,000,000.

188. On or about December 23, just weeks after Ver made \$37 million in collateral payments to GGCI, he became aware of information that made him question GGCI's earlier claim of solvency that had been supported by the June 20 SOFC.

189. The news was a New York Times interview of SBF, who stated that Alameda had repaid a \$2.5 billion loan to "Genesis" that August, about three months before filing for bankruptcy. SBF added that the loan was repaid because Genesis had called in specific loans made to Alameda.

190. Ver became concerned that GGCI might have been the entity that lent money to Alameda, potentially affecting GGCI's present solvency and their solvency in June 2022.

191. As Alameda repaid the loan to Genesis in August, about three months before FTX's bankruptcy, it seemed like this repayment would potentially be subject to an automatic clawback as a preferential transfer.

192. Ver investigated and learned that there was speculation that SBF had directed Alameda to misappropriate FTX customer funds to repay Genesis. Alameda then used the FTT tokens it had received back from Genesis to pay FTX, who then used the FTT tokens to replace the missing customer deposits as an asset on their balance sheet.

193. This caused Ver to grow more concerned, since if true, it would mean that GGCI had been doing what FTX had been doing: propping up their insolvent balance sheet with inflated FTT tokens.

194. Since Ver was considering rolling his expiring December 30 options with GGCI to a later date, he wanted to be sure GGCI remained solvent before doing so, and wanted to further confirm they had in fact been solvent that past June when he initially inquired.

195. In late December 2022, Ver inquired with GGCI as to whether they remained solvent in the wake of the FTX and Alameda bankruptcies, and whether GGCI had any exposure to them, specifically whether it had been GGCI who had reportedly made a \$2.5 billion loan to Alameda and was repaid in August 2022.

196. GGCI responded that all of Ver's trades had been through GGCI. Despite having lost some funds on FTX, GGCI claimed that it remained solvent and had no further involvement or exposure to Alameda or FTX.

197. Ver persisted in questioning specifically whether it had been GGCI who received the Alameda loan repayment referred to by SBF in the New York Times interview. GGCI informed Ver that those funds had been repaid to a different Genesis entity, not GGCI.

198. At this point, Ver demanded proof of GGCI's present solvency, and demanded GGCI provide proof as to how they valued the assets on their June SOFC, which Ver now suspected had deployed the same misleading mark-to-market accounting that FTX had deployed to deceive their depositors.

199. Ver reminded GGCI that he had faithfully paid in excess of \$60 million in additional collateral since June, believing it his legal obligation to do so since GGCI remained solvent, including \$37 million dollars in payments just weeks prior.

200. Were Ver simply trying to avoid paying a debt to GGCI, as Counter-Defendant alleges in its complaint, he obviously would not have made payments totalling \$37 million just weeks earlier, and would have raised concerns instead of paying.

201. Satisfied Ver's concerns were being raised in good faith, but while still denying the validity of his claims, GGCI produced to Ver their audited 2021 financials, as well as an SOFC dated June 30, 2022.

202. However, both of those documents raised even further issues which revealed GGCI to have been insolvent in June 2022 at the latest.

GGCI's June 30 SOFC and 2021 Audited Financials

203. The June 30 SOFC revealed dramatic and concerning changes which had occurred since the June 20 SOFC.

204. First, there had been a significant reported drop in both positive equity and assets. On June 20, there was positive equity of just \$100 million on \$3 billion in assets, which indicated GGCI faced significant liquidity and volatility concerns. However, by June 30, positive equity had shrunk to \$14 million, with assets dropping by more than \$400 million, exacerbating the already troubling liquidity and volatility concerns.

205. Second, much of the fall in asset values was attributed to loans that had been written down. On June 20, GGCI reported "loans receivable" of \$399 million. However, by June 30 (which had broken "loans receivable" to two line items), loans receivable had been reduced to \$1 million and related party loans \$47 million. This represented a combined loss of over \$350 million in loan write downs in just ten days.

206. On information and belief, these loan write-downs represented losses related to 3AC, which had not been written down in the June 20 SOFC, but were known to Counter-Defendant when the June 20 SOFC was sent to Mr. Ver as proof of GGCI's solvency.

207. Lastly, the June 30 SOFC contained a brand new line item, "Other", which had \$151 million in assets. There was no new corresponding line item in liabilities.

208. On information and belief, this line item “Other” represented funds that had recently been injected as the result of DCG’s \$1.1 billion capital injection on June 30.

GGC International Limited
Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 2022
(in thousands)

Assets	
Cash	\$ 3,232
Investments in digital currencies and trusts	1,439,363
Digital currency loans receivable, net of allowance for loan losses	1,250
USD loans receivable, net of allowance for loan losses	1,900
Digital currency collateral receivable	340,389
Derivative assets	869,045
Interest receivable, net of allowance	2,758
Receivables from related parties	47,334
Other assets	151,977
Total assets	\$ 2,357,248
Liabilities and member's equity	
Liabilities	
Digital currency loans payable	\$ 370,737
Digital currency collateral payable	891,080
USD loans payable	18,073
Option collateral payable	344,169
Derivative liabilities	191,864
Interest payable	5,645
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	295,894
Payables to related parties	225,364
Total liabilities	\$ 2,342,826
Member's equity	
Total member's equity	14,422
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$ 2,357,248

209. GGCI's 2021 audited financials revealed both that GGCI had been valuing digital assets at 100% mark-to-market, and that it had in fact been the entity that originated a \$2.5 billion loan collateralized by FTT tokens. Those FTT tokens had ultimately come from Alameda.

210. The 2021 audited financials explained that GGCI accounted for collateral paid by counterparties as an asset with a corresponding liability. Alameda's FTT tokens would have been counted on their balance sheet as an asset under "*Investments into digital assets*" and as a liability under "*digital currency collateral payable*."

211. GGCI's balance sheet showed "*Investments in digital currencies*" equal to \$2.825 billion, and "*Digital currency collateral payable*" equal to \$2.370 billion.

212. Notably, the "*Digital currency collateral payable*" roughly equaled the \$2.5 billion SBF had referred to during his New York Times interview. And while "*Investments in digital currencies*" was larger, it contained additional digital assets owned by GGCI.

213. GGCI's cash flow statement in the 2021 audited financials also contained a line item for "*Digital currency collateral payable*" under liabilities, which was equal to the same line item on the balance sheet, indicating these sums made their way onto GGCI's balance sheet in 2021.

214. GGCI's 2021 audited financials contained a section detailing significant exposures to various counterparties. The significant counterparties were not identified by name, only certain information about them was provided. The financials identified a "Counterparty I" who represented 99% of the digital currency collateral payable liability, which was further identified to consist of 99% FTT tokens.

215. Therefore, GGCI's 2021 financials showed that at some time in 2021 it had originated a loan to a single counterparty backed by FTT tokens, which were valued at \$2.3 billion as of December 31, 2021. Accordingly, it became evident to Ver that "Counterparty I" was Alameda Research.

216. Lastly, GGCI's 2021 audited financials contained other figures that revealed yet other sources of GGCI's undercapitalization. The statement of cash flows identified a \$105 million dollar operating loss for 2021. And the statement of changes in stockholder equity identified almost \$41 million in distributions in 2021.

GGCI's Shifting Explanations

217. When Ver pointed out that GGCI's 2021 audited financials identified a \$2.5 billion loan obligation to Alameda, contrary to GGCI's prior representations, GGCI provided misleading information to Ver in an attempt to distance itself from Alameda.

218. Incredibly, GGCI initially claimed that the financials Ver possessed were actually a consolidated report for multiple Genesis entities, and that the FTT tokens belonged to a different Genesis entity.

219. However, the financials were clearly labeled as having been prepared exclusively for GGCI, which quickly disproved GGCI's claims.

220. Once disproven, GGCI shifted its narrative and asserted that an affiliate had dealt with Alameda, who then borrowed from GGCI using the FTT tokens as collateral. GGCI then refused to provide any evidence to support this claim.

221. Nonetheless, GGCI's claim that the FTT tokens belonged to an affiliate was a difference without distinction, since the tokens had ultimately come from Alameda and would be subject to a clawback in bankruptcy.

222. In fact, on May 3, 2023, FTX filed a motion in the Southern District of New York, on behalf of itself and affiliated debtors, seeking \$3.9 billion back from Genesis, including sums from GGCI.

223. Ultimately, discussions with GGCI made clear that GGCI hadn't applied any discount to the digital assets on their SOFC.

224. At one point, GGCI personnel even admitted that they "may have been underwater for a few days."

225. Had GGCI applied appropriate discounts to their digital assets, as they demanded from Ver, their SOFC would have revealed their insolvency.

226. As a result, Ver would have closed his positions to avoid trading with an insolvent counterparty and saved tens of millions of dollars.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT ONE

(Breach of Contract (Insolvency))

227. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

228. As discussed herein, GGCI and Ver were parties to the Master Confirmation which incorporated the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex by reference.

229. During the life of the parties' relationship, there were well over 100 transactions conducted by GGCI on behalf of Ver.

230. The Master Confirmation executed in connection with each transaction incorporated the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement by reference.

231. The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement defines a number of Events of Default. One such event of default is the insolvency of either party.

232. As described herein, GGCI became insolvent at some point prior to July 1, 2022.

233. At the point of insolvency, GGCI was in breach of all option contracts then open between the parties and subject to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement.

234. As per the agreements between the parties, in the event of default, all transactions were to be terminated, and the parties were expected to settle any financial obligations at that point.

235. However, as a result of GGCI's failure to notify Ver of their insolvency, and their campaign of obfuscation, Ver did not become aware of the insolvency for quite some time.

236. Following the insolvency, but prior to Ver becoming aware of same, Ver contributed substantial additional funds to maintain his then open options positions, which never should have been paid to GGCI as a result of its insolvency.

237. Ver has suffered significant damages as a direct result of GGCI's breach of the agreements between the parties.

238. Accordingly, Ver respectfully requests that this Court award all relevant damages caused by Counter-Defendant's breach of contract, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00, punitive or exemplary damages for their malicious conduct, all costs and Court fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT TWO

(Breach of Contract (Misrepresentation) - BCH Options)

239. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

240. As discussed herein, GGCI and Ver were parties to the Master Confirmation which incorporated the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex by reference.

241. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated March 22, 2022, GGCI agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 70,000 units of Bitcoin Cash (“BCH”), with a strike price of \$545 per BCH.

242. The Master Confirmation executed in connection with this transaction incorporated the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement by reference.

243. The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement defines a Misrepresentation by either party as an Event of Default as well. Pursuant to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, any representation that “proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated” would be considered an Event of Default.

244. As discussed herein, GGCI made, and repeated, a number of material misrepresentations and omissions regarding its solvency. These repeated misrepresentations and omissions constitute a material breach of the agreement.

245. Ver has suffered, and continues to suffer, irreparable harm as a direct and proximate result of Counter-Defendant’s breach of the agreement.

246. Accordingly, Ver respectfully requests that this Court award all relevant damages caused by Counter-Defendant’s breach of contract, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00, punitive or exemplary damages for their malicious conduct, all costs and Court fees, reasonable attorneys’ fees, as well as any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT THREE

(Breach of Contract (Misrepresentation) - ETH Options)

247. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

248. As discussed herein, GGCI and Ver were parties to the Master Confirmation which incorporated the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex by reference.

249. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 10, 2022, GGCI agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 10,000 Ether (“ETH”), with a strike price of \$5,000 per ETH.

250. The Master Confirmation executed in connection with this transaction incorporated the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement by reference.

251. The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement defines a Misrepresentation by either party as an Event of Default as well. Pursuant to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, any representation that “proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to have been made or repeated” would be considered an Event of Default.

252. As discussed herein, GGCI made, and repeated, a number of material misrepresentations and omissions regarding its solvency. These repeated misrepresentations and omissions constitute a material breach of the agreement.

253. Ver has suffered, and continues to suffer, irreparably harm as a direct and proximate result of Counter-Defendant’s breach of the agreement.

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COUNT FOUR

(Breach of Contract (Misrepresentation) - BTC Options)

255. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

256. As discussed herein, GGCI and Ver were parties to the Master Confirmation which incorporated the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex by reference.

257. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 11, 2022, GGCI agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 500 Bitcoin ("BTC"), with a strike price of \$26,000 per BTC.

258. The Master Confirmation executed in connection with this transaction incorporated the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement by reference.

259. The 2002 ISDA Master Agreement defines a Misrepresentation by either party as an Event of Default as well. Pursuant to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, any representation that "proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated" would be considered an Event of Default.

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262. Accordingly, Ver respectfully requests that this Court award all relevant damages caused by Counter-Defendant's breach of contract, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00,

punitive or exemplary damages for their malicious conduct, all costs and Court fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT FIVE

(Fraud)

263. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and alleges as follows:

264. On June 7, 2022, GGCI began contacting Mr. Ver regarding rolling over his in-the-money Ethereum option. However, Mr. Ver was not interested.

265. Over the next few days, GGCI continued to try and convince Mr. Ver that rolling over his options was the right thing to do, sending articles about the performance of ETH and proposing more favorable terms. Mr. Ver eventually agreed to roll his options.

266. Shortly after electing to roll over his in-the-money options, GGCI began making collateral demands that were 1) above and beyond any level of collateral required by the parties' agreements and 2) not in line with the parties' previous course of dealing.

267. Considering the state of the market, namely the Luna and 3AC collapses, Mr. Ver was concerned about the solvency of GGCI and began to ask questions. On June 25, 2022, Mr. Ver requested that GGCI provide proof of its solvency.

268. On June 28, 2022, GGCI delivered a statement of financial condition dated June 20, 2022 (the previously discussed June 20 SOFC). However, on June 21, 2022, GAP's request for emergency relief in its arbitration against 3AC was denied, requiring GAP and, in turn, GGCI to write down hundreds of millions of dollars in assets.

269. By sending an incomplete, or otherwise misleading SOFC, GGCI knowingly made a material misrepresentation to Mr. Ver regarding its current financial condition.

270. This material misrepresentation or omission was made by GGCI with the express intent to induce Mr. Ver to maintain his Ethereum option position with GGCI and prevent him from discovering GGCI's insolvency and exercising his right to terminate the contract as a result.

271. Mr. Ver relied on the June 20 SOFC statement, accepting the representations of GGCI as accurate, and did in fact continue to maintain his option positions at GGCI.

272. In the months following the delivery of the intentionally misleading June 20 SOFC, Mr. Ver made payments in excess of \$60,000,000 to GGCI to maintain his positions and GGCI liquidated over \$50,000,000 of Ver's collateral.

273. Had GGCI disclosed accurate financial information as of June 28, 2022, or otherwise disclosed the 3AC write downs resulting from its failure in the 3AC arbitration, Mr. Ver never would have continued to make payments to maintain the option and would have terminated the option contracts as a result of GGCI's insolvency.

274. However, as a direct result of GGCI's intentional misrepresentations Mr. Ver has suffered significant damages.

275. Accordingly, Ver respectfully requests that this Court award all relevant damages caused by Counter-Defendant's fraud, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00, punitive or exemplary damages for their malicious conduct, all costs and Court fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT SIX

(Fraudulent Inducement)

276. Defendant realleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

277. As described herein, during June 2022, GGCI personnel launched a campaign to convince Ver to allow his out-of-the-money options expire, while rolling over his in-the-money options to a later date.

278. At first, Ver was not interested in such a plan. However, after a series of discussions and representations by GGCI, Ver elected to follow their suggestion and roll over his in-the-money options to a later expiration date.

279. Unbeknownst to Ver, at the same time that GGCI was convincing him to rollover his options, GAP, a closely related entity, was engaging in a plan to liquidate one of its biggest customers, 3AC.

280. What was known to GGCI, but unknown to Ver as a result of GGCI's material omission, was that this liquidation was going to have a large negative impact on Ver's expiring options.

281. The liquidation of 3AC's collateral, as well as the ensuing fall out from one of the space's largest players teetering on bankruptcy, could have no other effect than to drive down market prices, thereby hurting Ver's position.

282. GGCI knew that had they disclosed GAP's plan to margin call and/or liquidate 3AC, Ver would have rejected any rollovers and instead, let his in-the-money options expire, and collect his profits from those trades, further increasing the financial strain being felt by Counter-Defendant and its related entities.

283. Ver justifiably relied on this omission when making his decision to roll over his open options contracts.

284. Not surprisingly, least of all to GGCI, the downfall of 3AC, and the ensuing panic, had a drastic effect on the markets, greatly hurting Ver's open positions.

285. But for the actions of GGCI, the options Ver had rolled would have expired in profit on June 24.

286. Further, following the fraudulently induced rollover, Ver was required to meet various margin calls. From the date of his rollover, until those newly rolled over contracts expired, Ver made in payments in excess of \$60,000,000 to GGCI to maintain his positions, and had over \$50,000,000 in collateral liquidated, that never would have been paid to Counter-Defendant had they not omitted the material information regarding the 3AC margin call and liquidation.

287. Accordingly, Ver respectfully requests that this Court award all relevant damages caused by Counter-Defendant's fraudulent inducement, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00, punitive or exemplary damages for their malicious conduct, all costs and Court fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Counter-Plaintiff Roger Ver respectfully requests that this Court:

1. Deny Counter-Defendant's claims for relief in their entirety;
2. Award compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,000,000.00 in favor of Mr. Ver on his Counterclaims, as well as punitive or exemplary damages, incidental damages, and consequential damages;
3. Award Counter-Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
4. Award Counter-Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and the costs of this action;

and

5. Award Counter-Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court may deem just, proper, and equitable under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Counter-Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all claims so triable.

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Exhibit B

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

GGC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ROGER VER,

Defendant.

Index No. 650439/2023

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff GGC International Limited (“GGC International”), as for its Complaint against Defendant Roger Ver (“Ver,” and together with GGC International, the “Parties”), alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This action seeks to redress Ver’s straightforward failure to settle three cryptocurrency options agreements that expired on December 30, 2022.
2. Ver failed to make payments on those transactions even though Ver had agreed to and recognized them. This action does not result from any collateral that Ver had transferred to GGC International to partially collateralize his obligations.
3. GGC International and Ver entered into the Amended and Restated Master Confirmation Agreement for Virtual Currency Put and Call Options Transactions dated as of June 22, 2020 (the “Master Confirmation Agreement”). Pursuant to the Master Confirmation Agreement, the Parties are deemed to enter into the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (the “ISDA Master Agreement”) and the 1994 ISDA Credit Support Annex (the “ISDA Credit Support Annex”), with certain supplements. Accordingly, unless stated otherwise, when this Complaint

references the Master Confirmation Agreement, it also is incorporating by reference the ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex.

4. The ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex are industry-standard documents that provide market participants with relationship-level terms that govern the trading of over-the-counter derivative transactions.

5. The Master Confirmation Agreement makes certain elections and modifications to the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex. The Master Confirmation Agreement – as includes the terms of the ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex – sets forth the terms under which GGC International and Ver may enter into transactions for the purchase and sale of cryptocurrency put and call options.

6. In 2022 alone, the Parties entered into thirty-one cryptocurrency options transactions. The terms of each transaction were memorialized in a written “Transaction Confirmation,” which refers back to the Master Confirmation Agreement.

7. Three options with expiration dates of December 30, 2022 gave rise to this action.

8. Upon the settlement date for the three options, Ver owed GGC International roughly \$110 million in exchange for the underlying tokens, minus amounts owing by GGC International to Ver. However, Ver did not make that payment.

9. GGC International thereafter sent several notices to Ver. On January 12, 2023, GGC International sent a notice to Ver notifying him that as a result of his nonpayment, an “Event of Default” would occur if Ver failed to pay the amount owed within one business day. Ver once again failed to pay the amount owed.

10. On January 17, 2023, GGC International sent another notice to Ver that due to the Event of Default that had occurred and was continuing, GGC International designated January 19,

2023 as the “Early Termination Date” under the ISDA Master Agreement. Then, on January 20, 2023, GGC International sent Ver a “Calculation Statement,” in which GGC International set off certain collateral previously delivered by Ver against the amounts owed by Ver, resulting in an amount of \$20,869,788 owing from Ver to GGC International.

11. Ver failed to pay this amount to GGC International, despite the multiple written notices and multiple oral conversations with Ver.

12. Ver’s failure to pay constitutes a breach of contract.

13. As a result of Ver’s breach of contract, GGC International has been damaged. GGC International is entitled to at least \$20,869,788, plus interest. The ISDA Master Agreement also entitles GGC International to indemnity for GGC International’s out-of-pocket expenses, including attorneys’ fees.

THE PARTIES

14. Plaintiff GGC International Limited is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

15. Defendant Roger Ver is an individual residing at 858 Zenway Blvd. Unit 15-203, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts and Nevis.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

16. This court has personal jurisdiction over Ver because he contractually consented to jurisdiction in the courts of the State of New York. In particular, Section 13(b)(i)(2) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that “[w]ith respect to any suit, action or proceedings related to any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement . . . each party irrevocably . . . submits . . . if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by the laws of the State of New York, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and the United States District Court located in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City.”

17. Section 7(a)(i) of the Master Confirmation Agreement sets the governing law as New York, and as such, pursuant to Section 13(b)(i)(2) of the ISDA Master Agreement, Ver has agreed to jurisdiction in the courts of New York.

18. Venue is also proper because the Parties contractually consented to have disputes heard by the courts in the State of New York.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

GGC International and Ver Enter into the Master Confirmation Agreement

19. The Master Confirmation Agreement between GGC International¹ and Ver sets forth the terms under which the Parties may enter into cryptocurrency put and call option transactions.

20. The Master Confirmation Agreement states that GGC International and Ver are deemed to have entered into the ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex.

21. Section 3 of the Master Confirmation Agreement provides that when the parties enter into an option transaction, they are to confirm the economic terms of such transaction in a “Transaction Confirmation.” Sections 4 and 5 of the Master Confirmation Agreement provide the terms to be included in each Transaction Confirmation.

The ISDA Master Agreement Sets Forth the General Payment Terms

22. The ISDA Master Agreement, which Ver was deemed to have entered by virtue of the Master Confirmation Agreement, provides the general conditions for payment and delivery.

¹ The signature page of the Master Confirmation Agreement erroneously lists the relevant party as “Genesis Global Capital International Ltd” instead of GGC International. However, the heading of the Master Confirmation Agreement correctly refers to GGC International, as does every relevant Transaction Confirmation.

23. In particular, Section 2(a)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that “[e]ach party will make each payment or delivery specified in each Confirmation to be made by it, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.”

24. Section 2(a)(ii) of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that “[p]ayments under this Agreement will be made on the due date for value on the date in the place of the account specified in the relevant Confirmation or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, in freely transferable funds and in the manner customary for payments in the required currency.”

25. Section 2(c) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that the

parties may elect in respect of two or more Transactions that a net amount and payment obligation will be determined in respect of all amounts payable on the same date in the same currency in respect of those Transactions, regardless of whether such amounts are payable in respect of the same Transaction. The election may be made in the Schedule or any Confirmation by specifying that “Multiple Transaction Payment Netting” applies to the Transactions identified as being subject to the election If Multiple Transaction Payment Netting is applicable to Transactions, it will apply to those Transactions with effect from the starting date specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation, or, if a starting date is not specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation, the starting date otherwise agreed by the parties in writing. This election may be made separately for different groups of Transactions and will apply separately to each pairing of Offices through which the parties make and receive payments or deliveries.

26. Section 7(a)(iii) of the Master Confirmation Agreement states that “Multiple Transaction Payment Netting,” as described above, is applicable.

Failure to Pay Amounts Due Will Result in an Event of Default

27. Section 5(a) of the ISDA Master Agreement lists several potential “Events of Default.”

28. As relevant to this dispute, Section 5(a)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that it is an “Event of Default” if a party fails to:

make, when due, any payment under this Agreement or delivery under Section 2(a)(i) or 9(h)(i)(2) or (4) required to be made by it if such failure is not remedied on or before the first Local Business Day in the case of any such payment or the first Local Delivery Day in the case of any such delivery after, in each case, notice of such failure is given to the party.

29. Section 6(a) of the ISDA Master Agreement permits a non-defaulting party to declare an “Early Termination Date” upon not more than twenty days’ notice where an Event of Default has occurred.

30. Section 6(e)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that “[i]f notice designating an Early Termination Date is given under Section 6(a) . . . the Early Termination Date will occur on the date so designated, whether or not the relevant Event of Default . . . is then continuing.”

31. Upon an Early Termination Date, an “Early Termination Amount” is due. Section 6(e)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement sets forth the formula to determine the “Early Termination Amount.”

32. Section 7(a)(i) of the Master Confirmation Agreement states that New York law shall govern any transactions between GGC International and Ver.

33. Section 11 of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that a “Defaulting Party will on demand indemnify and hold harmless the other party for and against all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including legal fees . . . incurred by such other party by reason of the enforcement and protection of its rights under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which the Defaulting Party is a party or by reason of the early termination of any Transaction, including, but not limited to, costs of collection.”

GGC International and Ver Enter Into Options Transactions

34. After entering into the Master Confirmation Agreement, GGC International and Ver entered into various options transactions. For each transaction, the Parties entered into a Transaction Confirmation memorializing the terms.

35. Throughout 2022, as a result of the transactions entered into by the Parties, Ver owed money to GGC International, including as much as \$135 million in June 2022. GGC International repeatedly accommodated Ver when he suffered from liquidity problems and was unable to post required collateral. During this period, GGC International performed all of its contractual obligations to Ver. Regardless, Ver's contractual remedy for any type of default, insolvency or otherwise, would have been to terminate the agreement; Ver never did so, and any such termination would have resulted in him owing such significant sums to GGC International.

36. The three options which expired on December 30, 2022 are the subject of this action and detailed below:

(a) Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated March 22, 2022, GGC International agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 70,000 units of Bitcoin Cash (“BCH”), with a strike price of \$545 per BCH.

(b) Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 10, 2022, GGC International agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 10,000 Ether (“ETH”), with a strike price of \$5,000 per ETH.

(c) Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 11, 2022, GGC International agreed to purchase from Ver a put option for 500 Bitcoin (“BTC”), with a strike price of \$26,000 per BTC.

37. Each of the three confirmations states that the “Settlement Date” is same as the “Expiration Date” of each option.

Ver Fails to Settle the Three Options Transactions

38. The three options in question expired on December 30, 2022.

39. As noted above, the “Settlement Date” for each of the three options was the same as the “Expiration Date,” i.e., December 30, 2022. As such, Ver was required to settle the options on December 30, 2022. He failed to do so.

40. On January 12, 2023, GGC International sent a letter to Ver with the subject line “NOTICE OF DEFAULT: FAILURE TO PAY” (the “January 12 Notice”). The January 12 Notice informed Ver that he “failed to pay the amount of \$71,221,052 due and owing on the Settlement Date (December 30, 2022) under the Transaction Confirmations. The consequence of [Ver’s] failure to make payment is that an Event of Default will occur under Section 5(a)(i) of the Master Agreement, to the extent [Ver’s] failure to pay continues for one Local Business Day, after the effective date of this notice.”

41. Ver failed to make payment as required within one Local Business Day after the January 12 Notice.

42. On January 17, 2023, GGC International sent a letter to Ver with the subject line “NOTICE OF EVENT OF DEFAULT AND DESIGNATION OF EARLY TERMINATION DATE” (the “January 17 Notice”). The January 17 Notice informed Ver that he had “failed to pay \$71,221,052, which was the amount due and owing on the Settlement Date (December 30, 2022) under the Transaction Confirmations. Pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Master Agreement, this letter serves as notice, effective as of the date of this notice, that an Event of Default under Section 5(a)(i) of the Master Agreement has occurred and is continuing with respect to [Ver].”

43. In the January 17 Notice, GGC International further “designates January 19, 2023, as the Early Termination Date,” and “will make the calculations required under Section 6(e) of the Master Agreement and, in accordance with the Master Agreement, will notify you of the amount calculated thereunder and the date on which such amount will be payable.”

44. Ver failed to make payment after receipt of the January 17 Notice.

45. On January 20, 2023, GGC International sent a letter to Ver with the subject line “CALCULATION STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT ON EARLY TERMINATION” (the “January 20 Statement”).

46. The January 20 Statement constituted the statement required by Section 6(d)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement detailing the calculation of the amount that remains payable by Ver to GGC International.

47. The January 20 Statement stated that Ver owed GGC International \$67,850,000 across the three options. That amount was calculated by subtracting the amount owed by GGC International to Ver from the amount owed by Ver to GGC International.² In that January 20 Statement, GGC International then set off collateral posted by Ver valued at \$46,980,212 against the \$67,850,000 owed by Ver, resulting in a “Termination Payment Amount” of \$20,869,788.

48. Ver failed to make payment after receipt of the January 20 Statement.

49. GGC International is seeking that amount in this action, plus fees, expenses, and interest.

² As noted above, the Parties elected to apply “Multiple Transaction Payment Netting” under the ISDA Master Agreement.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**CLAIM ONE***(Breach of Contract)*

50. GGC International hereby incorporates by reference all allegations set forth previously in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

51. GGC International and Ver are parties to the Master Confirmation Agreement and are deemed to enter into the ISDA Master Agreement and ISDA Credit Support Annex.

52. GGC International complied with all of its contractual obligations under the Master Confirmation Agreement, the ISDA Master Agreement, and ISDA Credit Support Annex.

53. As set forth above, Ver breached the Master Confirmation Agreement, and the transactions entered thereunder, by failing to settle three options transactions that expired on December 30, 2022. Such failure constituted an “Event of Default” under the relevant agreements and is a breach of contract.

54. Under the three options, and subtracting amounts owed by GGC International to Ver, Ver owes a total of \$67,850,000. In light of the \$46,980,212 in collateral that Ver already delivered, the net amount owed by Ver is \$20,689,788.

55. Accordingly, as a result of Ver’s breach of contract, GGC International has been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial, but believed to be in excess of \$20,689,788, plus interest.

56. In addition, GGC International is entitled to the repayment of its attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Section 11 of the ISDA Master Agreement.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff GGC International respectfully demands the judgment against Defendant Ver as follows:

1. On GGC International's First Cause of Action, for an order awarding GGC International damages in an amount to be determined at trial but in no event less than \$20,689,788, plus interest at the New York statutory rate, plus repayment of GGC International's attorneys' fees and costs; and
2. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

March 28, 2023

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Exhibit C

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2 RE: CASE NOS. 08-13555 (JMP) and 08-01420 (JMP) (SIPA)

3 HEARING re Interim Applications for Allowance of Compensation
4 for Professional Services Rendered and for Reimbursement of
5 Actual and Necessary Expenses [Docket No. 4839]

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7 HEARING re Motion of Wells Fargo, NA for Relief from the
8 Automatic Stay [Docket No. 4640]

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10 HEARING re Motion of Wells Fargo, NA for Relief from the
11 Automatic Stay [Docket No. 4671]

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13 HEARING re Motion of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington
14 Mutual Bank, FA. For Relief from the Automatic Stay [Docket No.
15 4759]

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17 HEARING re Motion of A/P Hotel, LLC for Relief from the
18 Automatic Stay [Docket No. 4950]

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20 HEARING re Motion for Authorization to Assume an Interest Rate
21 Swap with MEG Energy Corp. [Docket No. 5012]

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2 HEARING re Debtors' Motion for Establishment of Procedures for
3 the Debtors to Transfer Their Interests in Respect of
4 Residential and Commercial Loans Subject to Foreclosure to
5 Wholly-Owned Non-Debtor Subsidiaries [Docket No. 4966]

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7 HEARING re Debtors' Motion for Establishment of Procedures for
8 the Debtors to Compromise Claims of the Debtors in Respect of
9 Real Estate Loans [Docket No. 4942]

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11 HEARING re Motion of Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank for 2004
12 Examination [Docket No. 4800]

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14 HEARING re Debtors' Motion for Authorization to Implement
15 Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures for Affirmative
16 Claims of Debtors Under Derivative Contracts [Docket No. 4453]

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18 HEARING re Debtors' Motion to Compel Performance of Metavante
19 Corporation's Obligations Under an Executory Contract and to
20 Enforce the Automatic Stay [Docket No. 3691]

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22 HEARING re Motion of DnB Nor Bank ASA for Allowance and Payment
23 of Administrative Expense Claim and Allowing Setoff of Such
24 Claim [Docket No. 4054]

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2 HEARING re Motion of William Kuntz, III for Review of Dismissal
3 of Appeal [Docket No. 1261]

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5 RE: ADV. CASE NO. 09-01258:

6 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

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8 RE: ADV. CASE NO. 08-01743:

9 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

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11 RE: ADV. CASE NO. 09-01242:

12 Motion of BNY Corporate Trustee Services Limited to Stay
13 Further Proceedings Pending Disposition of its Motion for Leave
14 to Appeal the August 12, 2009 Order Denying BNY's Motion to
15 Dismiss and any Disposition of the Merits of that Appeal

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1 that it has been presented and will make some judgments as to
2 the identity of the mediators in consultation with counsel for
3 the debtors and for the creditors' committee who have been so
4 active in developing these procedures.

5 I recognize that a lot of people who are in court at
6 this moment are here for the ADR procedures, and I'm going to
7 give people who want to leave an opportunity to leave. I'm
8 also going to give everybody an opportunity for a break. But
9 because of the congestion of this docket, I think I'm going to
10 go until 1 o'clock. So let's take a break for ten minutes, and
11 then resume, and then go until 1 o'clock and then break for
12 lunch. We're adjourned until then.

13 MR. GRUENBERGER: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 (Recess from 12:12 p.m. to 12:28 p.m.)

15 THE COURT: Be seated please. Number 11, Metavante.

16 MR. SLACK: Your Honor, Richard Slack from Weil,
17 Gotshal for the debtors. We're here on the debtors' motion to
18 compel performance of Metavante Corporation. As Your Honor
19 knows, two months ago we had argument, after fully briefing the
20 issue. Your Honor is in receipt of letters from both
21 Metavante's counsel and from the debtors, which I think
22 provides the status of where we are in terms of discussions,
23 which is, essentially, that the parties have not had
24 substantial discussions, as the letters which are docketed
25 state.

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1 The debtors were requested to make a proposal to
2 resolve it, which we did. We have not received a proposal from
3 Metavante in the two months since the hearing, and Metavante
4 has not responded to our proposal that we've made.

5 Your Honor has mentioned Metavante a couple of times
6 today, and so Your Honor may have a plan for the conference,
7 but it is the debtors' position that this matter should be
8 considered and decided, at the Court's discretion, obviously.

9 THE COURT: Understood. I'm ready to rule today.

10 MR. ARNOLD: May it please the Court, mindful of that
11 comment, I want you to know why we wrote the letter, so that
12 you have in mind that parties do take into account the risks of
13 not settling, and you were quite clear at the hearing on July
14 14th that there was an opportunity for the parties to consider
15 resolving this matter.

16 For the Court's information, neither Lehman nor its
17 counsel have been obdurate, ornery, or in any fashion
18 unprofessional. Our dealings have been quite, to the contrary,
19 exceptional throughout the history of our relationships. I
20 reached out to counsel for the debtors to explain how it is
21 that an impending transaction which will close on October 1st
22 would, in my judgment, have a favorable impact on the
23 likelihood of this matter resolving consensually. That was the
24 singular purpose for us writing the letter to the Court. We
25 are not here today to reargue the motion. The Court heard

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1 extensive oral argument. It has been well briefed. The issues
2 have come up again in, frankly, in other instances and motions
3 and adversary proceedings. I wanted the Court to know that it
4 was not by design, neglect or deliberately ignoring your
5 comments on July 14th that the settlement has not proceeded
6 further than it has. About a week ago we received a settlement
7 proposal. I am authorized to state by both Fidelity and
8 Metavante that post-closing of the merged entity we expect to,
9 and intend to, and will make a settlement proposal, but we're
10 also mindful that it hasn't been settled, and if it is the
11 Court's desire to rule on the matter today, we govern ourselves
12 accordingly. I just wanted the Court to know what I've done
13 since July 14th to try to move this matter on.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you for that update.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: The Metavante matter consumed the better
17 part of an afternoon's oral argument. My best recollection is
18 that we specially listed it on the afternoon before the July
19 omnibus hearing. Candidly, I don't recall why it was specially
20 listed all by itself, but it's just as well that it happened,
21 because it took a lot of time.

22 It's correct that I encouraged the parties to attempt
23 to resolve this consensually, and I appreciate the fact that
24 large enterprises, particularly those that are involved in
25 major transactions in which acquisitions are literally weeks

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1 away from being consummated, may be distracted or may have
2 other priorities. But I also believe that when I suggested
3 that this be listed for the September 15th omnibus hearing it
4 was with the notion that, in effect, time would be up.

5 I'm also mindful of the fact that on today's calendar
6 a matter very similar to this, item 6, has been consensually
7 resolved, involving the payment of fifty percent more dollars
8 to the debtors than are at issue in this current dispute.

9 I am prepared to rule and will do so now. Recognize
10 that what I'm about to do will take some time and will probably
11 take us to the lunch hour. If there is anyone here who doesn't
12 want to hear the ruling in this case I'd like you to be free to
13 both leave, because I won't be offended, or, if at some point
14 during my rendition of this ruling you say to yourself this is
15 something I don't need to hear, you're also free to leave at
16 that point.

17 LBSF requests that the Court compel Metavante to
18 perform its obligations under that certain 1992 ISDA Master
19 Agreement dated as of November 20, 2007, defined as the "Master
20 Agreement". And that certain trade confirmation dated December
21 4, 2007, defined as the "Confirmation", and together with the
22 Master Agreement, the "Agreement".

23 The Master Agreement provides the basic terms of the
24 parties' contractual relationship and contemplates being
25 supplemented by trade confirmations that provide the economic

1 terms of the specific transactions agreed to by the parties.

2 Under the Master Agreement, Metavante and LBSF entered into an
3 interest rate swap transaction, the terms of which were
4 documented pursuant to the Confirmation.

5 LBHI is a credit support provider for LBSF's payment
6 obligations under the Agreement.

7 Due to declining interest rates the value of LBSF's
8 position under the Agreement has increased. As of May 2009,
9 under the payment terms of the Agreement, Metavante owed LBSF
10 in excess of 6 million dollars, representing quarterly payments
11 due November, 2008, February, 2009 and May, 2009, plus default
12 interest in excess of 300,000 dollars.

13 It is possible that due to current market conditions
14 and to the quarterly payment schedule prescribed by the
15 Agreement the amounts that Metavante owes to LBSF as of today
16 are even higher than those stated in the motion. Metavante has
17 refused to make any payments to LBSF. In fact, it has refused
18 to perform its obligations under the Agreement, as of November
19 3, 2008. Instead, Metavante claims that LBSF and LBHI, via the
20 filing of their respective Chapter 11 cases, each caused an
21 event of default under the Agreement.

22 Metavante argues that due to such events of default it
23 has the right, but not the obligation, under the safe harbor
24 provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, to terminate all outstanding
25 derivative transactions under the Agreement. Metavante also

1 maintains that it is not otherwise required to perform under
2 the Agreement.

3 The parties presented their arguments to the Court at
4 a hearing held on July 14, 2009. Notably at the hearing
5 counsel to Metavante stated that, quote, "the opportunity to
6 settle the matter", is a possibility. The reference in the
7 transcript is page 58, lines 18 to 19. The Court took the
8 matter under advisement and suggested that it be calendared for
9 the September 15, 2009 omnibus hearing for purposes of either a
10 bench ruling or a status conference on any progress the parties
11 may have made towards a resolution.

12 I want to make clear that I am proceeding with this
13 ruling because I view the letter described by counsel for
14 Metavante, which talked about a possible settlement
15 counterproposal occurring sometime after the closing of a
16 merger on October 1, as being an insufficient commitment to a
17 timely settlement.

18 On September 14, 2009 the Court received letters from
19 counsel to each of the parties. Counsel to Metavante requests
20 an adjournment to October 14. Counsel states that an
21 adjournment will facilitate the parties' settlement
22 negotiations but explains that Metavante may not make a
23 counterproposal to LBSF's September 5, 2009 settlement proposal
24 until after the proposed October 1, 2009 closing of a merger.
25 Counsel also suggests that an adjournment will allow the Court

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1 to put the motion on the same track as two other motions
2 currently pending before the Court. Which motions, counsel
3 claims, raise similar issues to the motion? Counsel to LBSF
4 and LBHI maintain that inasmuch as Metavante has done nothing
5 since July 14, 2009 to settle this matter other than asking
6 LBSF and LBHI to make a settlement proposal, the parties are no
7 closer to settlement than they were at the hearing, and,
8 therefore, the status conference should go forward as planned.

9 While each of the matters reference by counsel to
10 Metavante may have overlapping issues with those presented in
11 the current dispute, each matter involves its own distinct set
12 of fats. Moreover, each of the two referenced matters is in
13 its infancy. No response has been filed in either one, which
14 may further delay resolution here.

15 This is a dispute that has been fully briefed and
16 argued and is ripe for determination. Moreover, I note that
17 the settlement that was achieved with MEG Energy that was
18 referenced this morning indicates that parties who are willing
19 to settle can, and do.

20 Under the Agreement LBSF is obligated to pay the
21 floating three month USD LIBOR BBA interest rate on a notional
22 amount of 600 million dollars, which notional amount declines
23 over time, beginning in May, 2010. Metavante, in turn, is
24 obligated to pay a fixed interest rate, 3.865 percent, on the
25 notional amount. The Agreement is set to expire on February 1,

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1 2012. The Agreement defines event of default to include the
2 bankruptcy of any party or credit support provider. Under the
3 terms of the Agreement, upon an event of default the non-
4 defaulting party may designate an early termination date. Upon
5 termination a final payment is calculated and paid in order to
6 put the parties into the same economic position as if the
7 termination had not occurred.

8 In the instant case Metavante has refused to perform
9 under the Agreement on account of the event of default that has
10 occurred, and is continuing, on account of the bankruptcies of
11 LBSF and LBHI. Metavante has not, however, attempted to
12 terminate the Agreement. Instead, Metavante entered into a
13 replacement hedge covering the period from November 3, 2008
14 through February 1, 2010.

15 LBSF and LBHI argue that the Agreement is an executory
16 contract because material performance, specifically payment
17 obligations, remain due by both LBSF and Metavante. Under
18 Bankruptcy Code Section 365(a) a debtor in possession may,
19 "subject to the court's approval, assume or reject any
20 executory contract". The case law makes clear, however, that
21 while a debtor determines whether to assume or reject an
22 executory contract the counterparty to such contract must
23 continue to perform.

24 LBSF and LBHI further argue that the safe harbor
25 provisions do not excuse Metavante's failure to perform.

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1 Indeed, the safe harbor provisions permit qualifying non-debtor
2 counterparties to derivative contracts to exercise certain
3 limited contractual rights triggered by, among other things, a
4 Chapter 11 filing. They're available, however, only to the
5 extent that a counterparty seeks to one, liquidate, terminate
6 or accelerate its contracts or two, net out its positions. All
7 other uses of ipso facto provisions remain unenforceable under
8 the Bankruptcy Code.

9 Notably, Metavante does not dispute that it has failed
10 to perform under the Agreement. Instead, Metavante argues that
11 the occurrence of an event of default under the Agreement gives
12 rise to its right, as the non-defaulting party, to terminate
13 under the safe harbor provisions. According to Metavante the
14 occurrence of an event of default does not, however, create the
15 obligation for it to terminate under the safe harbor
16 provisions. Metavante emphasizes the term, quote, "condition
17 precedent" set forth in Sections 2(a), 1 and 3 of the
18 Agreement, which subject payment obligations to the condition
19 precedent that no event of default with respect to the party
20 has occurred and is continuing.

21 Metavante argues that under New York State contract
22 law a failure of a condition precedent excuses a party's
23 obligation to perform. Metavante states that its unequivocal
24 right to suspend payments until the termination of the
25 Agreement is fundamental to the manner in which swap parties

1 government themselves. Metavante takes issue with LBSF and
2 LBHI in asking the Court to treat the Agreement like a garden
3 variety executory contract, arguing that it cannot be compelled
4 to pay because LBSF and LBHI cannot provide the essential item
5 of value Metavante bargained for, namely an effective
6 counterparty.

7 Metavante further argues on information and belief
8 that LBSF and LBHI also are in default under certain
9 unspecified indebtedness that allegedly may have created a
10 cross default under the Agreement, asserting, as a result, an
11 alleged need to engage in the discovery process.

12 It is clear that the filing of bankruptcy petitions by
13 LBHI and LBSF constitute events of default under the Agreement.
14 Specifically, Section 5(a)(vii) of the Agreement provides that
15 it shall constitute an event of default should a party to the
16 Agreement or any credit support provider of such party
17 institute a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or
18 bankruptcy, or any other relief under any bankruptcy insolvency
19 law or similar law affecting creditors' rights.

20 Section 2(a)(i) and 3 of the Agreement, in turn,
21 subject payment obligations to the condition precedent that no
22 event of default with respect to the other party has occurred
23 and is continuing. It is also clear, however, that the safe
24 harbor provisions, primarily Bankruptcy Code Sections 560 and
25 561, protect a non-defaulting swap counterparty's contractual

1 rights solely to liquidate, terminate or accelerate one or more
2 swap agreements because of a condition of the kind specified in
3 Section 365(e)(1), or to "offset or net out any termination
4 values or payment amounts arising under or in connection with
5 the termination, liquidation or acceleration of one or more
6 swap agreements". That language comes from Section 560.

7 In the instant matter Metavante has attempted neither
8 to liquidate, terminate or accelerate the Agreement, nor to
9 offset or net out its position as a result of the events of
10 default caused by the filing of bankruptcy petitions by LBHI
11 and LBSF. Metavante simply is withholding performance, relying
12 on the conditions precedent language in Sections 2(a)(i) and
13 (iii) under the Agreement.

14 The question presented in this matter and the issue
15 that was argued by the parties at the hearing is whether
16 Metavante's withholding of performance is permitted, either
17 under the safe harbor provisions or under terms of the
18 Agreement itself. It is not.

19 Although complicated at its core the Agreement is, in
20 fact, a garden variety executory contract, one for which there
21 remains something still to be done on both sides. Each party
22 to the Agreement still is obligated to make quarterly payments
23 based on a floating or fixed interest rate of a notional
24 amount, it being understood that the net obligor actually makes
25 a payment after the parties respective positions are calculated

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1 on a quarterly basis, in February, May, August and November of
2 each calendar year.

3 Under relevant case law it is clear that while an un-
4 assumed executory contract is not enforceable against a debtor,
5 see NLRB v. Bildisco & Bildisco, 465 US 513 at 531, such a
6 contract is enforceable by a debtor against the counterparty.
7 See McLean Industries, Inc. v. Medical Laboratory Automation,
8 Inc., 96 B.R. 440 at 449 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989). Metavante
9 relies on In re Lucre, Inc., 339 BR 648 (WD Mich.) for the
10 proposition that a debtor's uncured pre-petition breach of its
11 executory contract, here the event of default caused by the
12 bankruptcy filings of LBHI and LBSF, will, in and of itself,
13 justify continued nonperformance by the non-debtor
14 counterparty, and mere commencement of bankruptcy proceedings
15 and the imposition of the automatic stay does not empower the
16 debtor to compel performance from a non-debtor party.

17 The Court rejects the Lucre decision as nonbinding and
18 non-persuasive. While Metavante's argument for the events of
19 default caused by the bankruptcy filings of LBHI and LBSF do
20 create an obligation for it to terminate the Agreement under
21 the safe harbor provisions, that's a tenable argument. Its
22 conduct of riding the market for the period of one year, while
23 taking no action whatsoever, is simply unacceptable and
24 contrary to the spirit of these provisions of the Bankruptcy
25 Code.

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1 upon the filing of LBHI or LBSF, its failure to do so, at this
2 juncture, constitutes a waiver of that right at this point.

3 Metavante's references to defaults under certain
4 unspecified indebtedness that allegedly may have created a
5 cross default under the Agreement are of no moment. First,
6 Metavante failed to set forth the basis, either in its papers
7 or at the hearing, for its information and belief that such a
8 default may have occurred. Its assertion that such a default
9 may have occurred indicates that Metavante is not aware of any
10 such default, and, therefore, did not rely on that default in
11 its refusal to perform under the Agreement or lacks knowledge
12 of what that default may be.

13 Additionally, the argument that LBSF or LBHI may have
14 defaulted under other specified indebtedness, as that term is
15 defined in the Agreement, relies upon the financial condition
16 of bankruptcy debtors to withhold performance. That is also
17 unenforceable as an ipso facto clause that may not be enforced
18 under the Bankruptcy Code Section 365(e)(1)(A).

19 LBSF and LBHI are entitled to continued receipt of
20 payments under the Agreement. Metavante's attempts to control
21 LBSF's right to receive payment under the Agreement constitute,
22 in effect, an attempt to control property of the estate. See
23 *In re Enron Corp.*, 300 B.R. 201 at 212 (S.D.N.Y. 2003),
24 recognizing that contract rights are property of the estate and
25 that therefore those rights are protected by the automated

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1 stay.

2 This is a violation of the automatic stay imposed by
3 Code Section 362. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in
4 LBSF's and LBHI's papers, for the reasons stated on the record
5 at the hearing and for the reasons stated on the record today,
6 pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 362 and 365,
7 Metavante is directed to perform under the Agreement until such
8 time as LBSF and LBHI determine whether to assume or reject.
9 That's the ruling of the Court.

10 MR. KRASNOW: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Richard
11 Krasnow, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, for the Chapter 11 debtors.
12 We are close to the end of this morning's agenda, but not quite
13 there as yet. The next item, Your Honor, is number 12. It is
14 the motion of DnB Nor Bank described in the agenda. Your
15 Honor, that matter has been fully submitted to the Court, fully
16 briefed, arguments held on November 5th, and today is the
17 scheduled status conference.

18 THE COURT: Okay. I'm ready to rule on that, but
19 given the hour I'm not going to take the time to do that now.
20 But we'll issue a short memorandum in due course. So as to not
21 create any undue suspense for those parties who are here in
22 connection with the DnB Nor matter, I am deciding that in favor
23 of the debtors and against DnB Nor, denying DnB Nor's motion
24 for allowance of an administrative expense claim, substantially
25 for the reasons set forth in the committee's papers.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

GGC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,

Plaintiff

v.

ROGER VER,

Defendant.

Index No. 650439/2023

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AFFIRMATION OF ALEX VAN VOORHEES

ALEX VAN VOORHEES, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under penalties of perjury and pursuant to CPLR 2106:

1. I am an attorney and an authorized signatory for Plaintiff / Counterclaim-Defendant GGC International Limited (“GGC International”). I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances contained in this affirmation.
2. I submit this affirmation in support of GGC International’s motion to dismiss the counterclaims of Defendant / Counterclaim-Plaintiff Roger Ver (“Ver”).
3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement.
4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of the Amended and Restated Master Confirmation Agreement for Virtual Currency Put and Call Options Transactions dated as of June 22, 2020, between GGC International and Ver.
5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of a trade confirmation dated March 22, 2022 in which Ver agreed to sell a put option to GGC International for 70,000 units of Bitcoin Cash.

6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of a trade confirmation dated June 10, 2022, in which Ver agreed to sell a put option to GGC International for 10,000 Ether.

7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of a trade confirmation dated June 11, 2022, in which Ver agreed to sell a put option to GGC International for 500 Bitcoin.

[SIGNATURE APPEARS ON NEXT PAGE]

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023



ALEX VAN VOORHEES

WORD COUNT CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Rule 17 of subdivision (g) of section 202.70 of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme Court and County Court (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court), I hereby certify that the total number of words in this memorandum of law, excluding the caption, signature block, and word count certification is 251.

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023

/s/ Jason Gottlieb

Jason Gottlieb

Exhibit 1

ISDA®

International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

2002 MASTER AGREEMENT

dated as of

..... and

have entered and/or anticipate entering into one or more transactions (each a "Transaction") that are or will be governed by this 2002 Master Agreement, which includes the schedule (the "Schedule"), and the documents and other confirming evidence (each a "Confirmation") exchanged between the parties or otherwise effective for the purpose of confirming or evidencing those Transactions. This 2002 Master Agreement and the Schedule are together referred to as this "Master Agreement".

Accordingly, the parties agree as follows:—

1. Interpretation

(a) **Definitions.** The terms defined in Section 14 and elsewhere in this Master Agreement will have the meanings therein specified for the purpose of this Master Agreement.

(b) **Inconsistency.** In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Schedule and the other provisions of this Master Agreement, the Schedule will prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of any Confirmation and this Master Agreement, such Confirmation will prevail for the purpose of the relevant Transaction.

(c) **Single Agreement.** All Transactions are entered into in reliance on the fact that this Master Agreement and all Confirmations form a single agreement between the parties (collectively referred to as this "Agreement"), and the parties would not otherwise enter into any Transactions.

2. Obligations

(a) General Conditions.

(i) Each party will make each payment or delivery specified in each Confirmation to be made by it, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.

(ii) Payments under this Agreement will be made on the due date for value on that date in the place of the account specified in the relevant Confirmation or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, in freely transferable funds and in the manner customary for payments in the required currency. Where settlement is by delivery (that is, other than by payment), such delivery will be made for receipt on the due date in the manner customary for the relevant obligation unless otherwise specified in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement.

(iii) Each obligation of each party under Section 2(a)(i) is subject to (1) the condition precedent that no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to the other party has occurred and is continuing, (2) the condition precedent that no Early Termination Date in respect of the relevant Transaction has occurred or been effectively designated and (3) each other condition specified in this Agreement to be a condition precedent for the purpose of this Section 2(a)(iii).

(b) *Change of Account.* Either party may change its account for receiving a payment or delivery by giving notice to the other party at least five Local Business Days prior to the Scheduled Settlement Date for the payment or delivery to which such change applies unless such other party gives timely notice of a reasonable objection to such change.

(c) *Netting of Payments.* If on any date amounts would otherwise be payable:—

- (i) in the same currency; and
- (ii) in respect of the same Transaction,

by each party to the other, then, on such date, each party's obligation to make payment of any such amount will be automatically satisfied and discharged and, if the aggregate amount that would otherwise have been payable by one party exceeds the aggregate amount that would otherwise have been payable by the other party, replaced by an obligation upon the party by which the larger aggregate amount would have been payable to pay to the other party the excess of the larger aggregate amount over the smaller aggregate amount.

The parties may elect in respect of two or more Transactions that a net amount and payment obligation will be determined in respect of all amounts payable on the same date in the same currency in respect of those Transactions, regardless of whether such amounts are payable in respect of the same Transaction. The election may be made in the Schedule or any Confirmation by specifying that "Multiple Transaction Payment Netting" applies to the Transactions identified as being subject to the election (in which case clause (ii) above will not apply to such Transactions). If Multiple Transaction Payment Netting is applicable to Transactions, it will apply to those Transactions with effect from the starting date specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation, or, if a starting date is not specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation, the starting date otherwise agreed by the parties in writing. This election may be made separately for different groups of Transactions and will apply separately to each pairing of Offices through which the parties make and receive payments or deliveries.

(d) *Deduction or Withholding for Tax.*

(i) *Gross-Up.* All payments under this Agreement will be made without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax unless such deduction or withholding is required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, then in effect. If a party is so required to deduct or withhold, then that party ("X") will:—

- (1) promptly notify the other party ("Y") of such requirement;
- (2) pay to the relevant authorities the full amount required to be deducted or withheld (including the full amount required to be deducted or withheld from any additional amount paid by X to Y under this Section 2(d)) promptly upon the earlier of determining that such deduction or withholding is required or receiving notice that such amount has been assessed against Y;
- (3) promptly forward to Y an official receipt (or a certified copy), or other documentation reasonably acceptable to Y, evidencing such payment to such authorities; and

(4) if such Tax is an Indemnifiable Tax, pay to Y, in addition to the payment to which Y is otherwise entitled under this Agreement, such additional amount as is necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by Y (free and clear of Indemnifiable Taxes, whether assessed against X or Y) will equal the full amount Y would have received had no such deduction or withholding been required. However, X will not be required to pay any additional amount to Y to the extent that it would not be required to be paid but for:—

- (A) the failure by Y to comply with or perform any agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d); or
- (B) the failure of a representation made by Y pursuant to Section 3(f) to be accurate and true unless such failure would not have occurred but for (I) any action taken by a taxing authority, or brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, after a Transaction is entered into (regardless of whether such action is taken or brought with respect to a party to this Agreement) or (II) a Change in Tax Law.

(ii) ***Liability.*** If:—

(1) X is required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, to make any deduction or withholding in respect of which X would not be required to pay an additional amount to Y under Section 2(d)(i)(4);

(2) X does not so deduct or withhold; and

(3) a liability resulting from such Tax is assessed directly against X,

then, except to the extent Y has satisfied or then satisfies the liability resulting from such Tax, Y will promptly pay to X the amount of such liability (including any related liability for interest, but including any related liability for penalties only if Y has failed to comply with or perform any agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d)).

3. **Representations**

Each party makes the representations contained in Sections 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 3(e) and 3(f) and, if specified in the Schedule as applying, 3(g) to the other party (which representations will be deemed to be repeated by each party on each date on which a Transaction is entered into and, in the case of the representations in Section 3(f), at all times until the termination of this Agreement). If any “Additional Representation” is specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation as applying, the party or parties specified for such Additional Representation will make and, if applicable, be deemed to repeat such Additional Representation at the time or times specified for such Additional Representation.

(a) ***Basic Representations.***

(i) ***Status.*** It is duly organised and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organisation or incorporation and, if relevant under such laws, in good standing;

(ii) ***Powers.*** It has the power to execute this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement to which it is a party, to deliver this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement that it is required by this Agreement to deliver and to perform its obligations under this Agreement and any obligations it has under any Credit Support Document to which it is a party and has taken all necessary action to authorise such execution, delivery and performance;

(iii) ***No Violation or Conflict.*** Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;

(iv) ***Consents.*** All governmental and other consents that are required to have been obtained by it with respect to this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party have been obtained and are in full force and effect and all conditions of any such consents have been complied with; and

(v) ***Obligations Binding.*** Its obligations under this Agreement and any Credit Support Document to which it is a party constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)).

(b) ***Absence of Certain Events.*** No Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or, to its knowledge, Termination Event with respect to it has occurred and is continuing and no such event or circumstance would occur as a result of its entering into or performing its obligations under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party.

(c) ***Absence of Litigation.*** There is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it, any of its Credit Support Providers or any of its applicable Specified Entities any action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity or before any court, tribunal, governmental body, agency or official or any arbitrator that is likely to affect the legality, validity or enforceability against it of this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party or its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or such Credit Support Document.

(d) ***Accuracy of Specified Information.*** All applicable information that is furnished in writing by or on behalf of it to the other party and is identified for the purpose of this Section 3(d) in the Schedule is, as of the date of the information, true, accurate and complete in every material respect.

(e) ***Payer Tax Representation.*** Each representation specified in the Schedule as being made by it for the purpose of this Section 3(e) is accurate and true.

(f) ***Payee Tax Representations.*** Each representation specified in the Schedule as being made by it for the purpose of this Section 3(f) is accurate and true.

(g) ***No Agency.*** It is entering into this Agreement, including each Transaction, as principal and not as agent of any person or entity.

4. **Agreements**

Each party agrees with the other that, so long as either party has or may have any obligation under this Agreement or under any Credit Support Document to which it is a party:—

(a) ***Furnish Specified Information.*** It will deliver to the other party or, in certain cases under clause (iii) below, to such government or taxing authority as the other party reasonably directs:—

(i) any forms, documents or certificates relating to taxation specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation;

(ii) any other documents specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation; and

(iii) upon reasonable demand by such other party, any form or document that may be required or reasonably requested in writing in order to allow such other party or its Credit Support Provider to make a payment under this Agreement or any applicable Credit Support Document without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax or with such deduction or withholding at a reduced rate (so long as the completion, execution or submission of such form or document would not materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of the party in receipt of such demand), with any such form or document to be accurate and completed in a manner reasonably satisfactory to such other party and to be executed and to be delivered with any reasonably required certification,

in each case by the date specified in the Schedule or such Confirmation or, if none is specified, as soon as reasonably practicable.

(b) **Maintain Authorisations.** It will use all reasonable efforts to maintain in full force and effect all consents of any governmental or other authority that are required to be obtained by it with respect to this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party and will use all reasonable efforts to obtain any that may become necessary in the future.

(c) **Comply With Laws.** It will comply in all material respects with all applicable laws and orders to which it may be subject if failure so to comply would materially impair its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it is a party.

(d) **Tax Agreement.** It will give notice of any failure of a representation made by it under Section 3(f) to be accurate and true promptly upon learning of such failure.

(e) **Payment of Stamp Tax.** Subject to Section 11, it will pay any Stamp Tax levied or imposed upon it or in respect of its execution or performance of this Agreement by a jurisdiction in which it is incorporated, organised, managed and controlled or considered to have its seat, or where an Office through which it is acting for the purpose of this Agreement is located ("Stamp Tax Jurisdiction"), and will indemnify the other party against any Stamp Tax levied or imposed upon the other party or in respect of the other party's execution or performance of this Agreement by any such Stamp Tax Jurisdiction which is not also a Stamp Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the other party.

5. Events of Default and Termination Events

(a) **Events of Default.** The occurrence at any time with respect to a party or, if applicable, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any Specified Entity of such party of any of the following events constitutes (subject to Sections 5(c) and 6(e)(iv)) an event of default (an "Event of Default") with respect to such party:—

(i) **Failure to Pay or Deliver.** Failure by the party to make, when due, any payment under this Agreement or delivery under Section 2(a)(i) or 9(h)(i)(2) or (4) required to be made by it if such failure is not remedied on or before the first Local Business Day in the case of any such payment or the first Local Delivery Day in the case of any such delivery after, in each case, notice of such failure is given to the party;

(ii) **Breach of Agreement; Repudiation of Agreement.**

(1) Failure by the party to comply with or perform any agreement or obligation (other than an obligation to make any payment under this Agreement or delivery under Section 2(a)(i) or 9(h)(i)(2) or (4) or to give notice of a Termination Event or any agreement or obligation under Section 4(a)(i), 4(a)(iii) or 4(d)) to be complied with or performed by the party in accordance with this Agreement if such failure is not remedied within 30 days after notice of such failure is given to the party; or

(2) the party disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, this Master Agreement, any Confirmation executed and delivered by that party or any

Transaction evidenced by such a Confirmation (or such action is taken by any person or entity appointed or empowered to operate it or act on its behalf);

(iii) ***Credit Support Default.***

(1) Failure by the party or any Credit Support Provider of such party to comply with or perform any agreement or obligation to be complied with or performed by it in accordance with any Credit Support Document if such failure is continuing after any applicable grace period has elapsed;

(2) the expiration or termination of such Credit Support Document or the failing or ceasing of such Credit Support Document, or any security interest granted by such party or such Credit Support Provider to the other party pursuant to any such Credit Support Document, to be in full force and effect for the purpose of this Agreement (in each case other than in accordance with its terms) prior to the satisfaction of all obligations of such party under each Transaction to which such Credit Support Document relates without the written consent of the other party; or

(3) the party or such Credit Support Provider disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, such Credit Support Document (or such action is taken by any person or entity appointed or empowered to operate it or act on its behalf);

(iv) ***Misrepresentation.*** A representation (other than a representation under Section 3(e) or 3(f)) made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated by the party or any Credit Support Provider of such party in this Agreement or any Credit Support Document proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or repeated or deemed to have been made or repeated;

(v) ***Default Under Specified Transaction.*** The party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party:—

(1) defaults (other than by failing to make a delivery) under a Specified Transaction or any credit support arrangement relating to a Specified Transaction and, after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period, such default results in a liquidation of, an acceleration of obligations under, or an early termination of, that Specified Transaction;

(2) defaults, after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period, in making any payment due on the last payment or exchange date of, or any payment on early termination of, a Specified Transaction (or, if there is no applicable notice requirement or grace period, such default continues for at least one Local Business Day);

(3) defaults in making any delivery due under (including any delivery due on the last delivery or exchange date of) a Specified Transaction or any credit support arrangement relating to a Specified Transaction and, after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period, such default results in a liquidation of, an acceleration of obligations under, or an early termination of, all transactions outstanding under the documentation applicable to that Specified Transaction; or

(4) disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, a Specified Transaction or any credit support arrangement relating to a Specified Transaction that is, in either case, confirmed or evidenced by a document or other confirming evidence executed and delivered by that party, Credit Support Provider or Specified Entity (or such action is taken by any person or entity appointed or empowered to operate it or act on its behalf);

(vi) ***Cross-Default.*** If "Cross-Default" is specified in the Schedule as applying to the party, the occurrence or existence of:—

- (1) a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (however described) in respect of such party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party under one or more agreements or instruments relating to Specified Indebtedness of any of them (individually or collectively) where the aggregate principal amount of such agreements or instruments, either alone or together with the amount, if any, referred to in clause (2) below, is not less than the applicable Threshold Amount (as specified in the Schedule) which has resulted in such Specified Indebtedness becoming, or becoming capable at such time of being declared, due and payable under such agreements or instruments before it would otherwise have been due and payable; or
- (2) a default by such party, such Credit Support Provider or such Specified Entity (individually or collectively) in making one or more payments under such agreements or instruments on the due date for payment (after giving effect to any applicable notice requirement or grace period) in an aggregate amount, either alone or together with the amount, if any, referred to in clause (1) above, of not less than the applicable Threshold Amount;

(vii) ***Bankruptcy.*** The party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party:—

- (1) is dissolved (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (2) becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due; (3) makes a general assignment, arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors; (4)(A) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (B) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause (A) above and either (I) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (II) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within 15 days of the institution or presentation thereof; (5) has a resolution passed for its winding-up, official management or liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (6) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or substantially all its assets; (7) has a secured party take possession of all or substantially all its assets or has a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or against all or substantially all its assets and such secured party maintains possession, or any such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained, in each case within 15 days thereafter; (8) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (1) to (7) above (inclusive); or (9) takes any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the foregoing acts; or

(viii) ***Merger Without Assumption.*** The party or any Credit Support Provider of such party consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all its assets to, or reorganises, reincorporates or reconstitutes into or as, another entity and, at the time of such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, reorganisation, reincorporation or reconstitution:—

(1) the resulting, surviving or transferee entity fails to assume all the obligations of such party or such Credit Support Provider under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which it or its predecessor was a party; or

(2) the benefits of any Credit Support Document fail to extend (without the consent of the other party) to the performance by such resulting, surviving or transferee entity of its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) ***Termination Events.*** The occurrence at any time with respect to a party or, if applicable, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any Specified Entity of such party of any event specified below constitutes (subject to Section 5(c)) an Illegality if the event is specified in clause (i) below, a Force Majeure Event if the event is specified in clause (ii) below, a Tax Event if the event is specified in clause (iii) below, a Tax Event Upon Merger if the event is specified in clause (iv) below, and, if specified to be applicable, a Credit Event Upon Merger if the event is specified pursuant to clause (v) below or an Additional Termination Event if the event is specified pursuant to clause (vi) below:—

(i) ***Illegality.*** After giving effect to any applicable provision, disruption fallback or remedy specified in, or pursuant to, the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement, due to an event or circumstance (other than any action taken by a party or, if applicable, any Credit Support Provider of such party) occurring after a Transaction is entered into, it becomes unlawful under any applicable law (including without limitation the laws of any country in which payment, delivery or compliance is required by either party or any Credit Support Provider, as the case may be), on any day, or it would be unlawful if the relevant payment, delivery or compliance were required on that day (in each case, other than as a result of a breach by the party of Section 4(b)):—

(1) for the Office through which such party (which will be the Affected Party) makes and receives payments or deliveries with respect to such Transaction to perform any absolute or contingent obligation to make a payment or delivery in respect of such Transaction, to receive a payment or delivery in respect of such Transaction or to comply with any other material provision of this Agreement relating to such Transaction; or

(2) for such party or any Credit Support Provider of such party (which will be the Affected Party) to perform any absolute or contingent obligation to make a payment or delivery which such party or Credit Support Provider has under any Credit Support Document relating to such Transaction, to receive a payment or delivery under such Credit Support Document or to comply with any other material provision of such Credit Support Document;

(ii) ***Force Majeure Event.*** After giving effect to any applicable provision, disruption fallback or remedy specified in, or pursuant to, the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement, by reason of force majeure or act of state occurring after a Transaction is entered into, on any day:—

(1) the Office through which such party (which will be the Affected Party) makes and receives payments or deliveries with respect to such Transaction is prevented from performing any absolute or contingent obligation to make a payment or delivery in respect of such Transaction, from receiving a payment or delivery in respect of such Transaction or from complying with any other material provision of this Agreement relating to such Transaction (or would be so prevented if such payment, delivery or compliance were required on that day), or it becomes impossible or

impracticable for such Office so to perform, receive or comply (or it would be impossible or impracticable for such Office so to perform, receive or comply if such payment, delivery or compliance were required on that day); or

(2) such party or any Credit Support Provider of such party (which will be the Affected Party) is prevented from performing any absolute or contingent obligation to make a payment or delivery which such party or Credit Support Provider has under any Credit Support Document relating to such Transaction, from receiving a payment or delivery under such Credit Support Document or from complying with any other material provision of such Credit Support Document (or would be so prevented if such payment, delivery or compliance were required on that day), or it becomes impossible or impracticable for such party or Credit Support Provider so to perform, receive or comply (or it would be impossible or impracticable for such party or Credit Support Provider so to perform, receive or comply if such payment, delivery or compliance were required on that day),

so long as the force majeure or act of state is beyond the control of such Office, such party or such Credit Support Provider, as appropriate, and such Office, party or Credit Support Provider could not, after using all reasonable efforts (which will not require such party or Credit Support Provider to incur a loss, other than immaterial, incidental expenses), overcome such prevention, impossibility or impracticability;

(iii) **Tax Event.** Due to (1) any action taken by a taxing authority, or brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, after a Transaction is entered into (regardless of whether such action is taken or brought with respect to a party to this Agreement) or (2) a Change in Tax Law, the party (which will be the Affected Party) will, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, on the next succeeding Scheduled Settlement Date (A) be required to pay to the other party an additional amount in respect of an Indemnifiable Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (except in respect of interest under Section 9(h)) or (B) receive a payment from which an amount is required to be deducted or withheld for or on account of a Tax (except in respect of interest under Section 9(h)) and no additional amount is required to be paid in respect of such Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (other than by reason of Section 2(d)(i)(4)(A) or (B));

(iv) **Tax Event Upon Merger.** The party (the "Burdened Party") on the next succeeding Scheduled Settlement Date will either (1) be required to pay an additional amount in respect of an Indemnifiable Tax under Section 2(d)(i)(4) (except in respect of interest under Section 9(h)) or (2) receive a payment from which an amount has been deducted or withheld for or on account of any Tax in respect of which the other party is not required to pay an additional amount (other than by reason of Section 2(d)(i)(4)(A) or (B)), in either case as a result of a party consolidating or amalgamating with, or merging with or into, or transferring all or substantially all its assets (or any substantial part of the assets comprising the business conducted by it as of the date of this Master Agreement) to, or reorganising, reincorporating or reconstituting into or as, another entity (which will be the Affected Party) where such action does not constitute a Merger Without Assumption;

(v) **Credit Event Upon Merger.** If "Credit Event Upon Merger" is specified in the Schedule as applying to the party, a Designated Event (as defined below) occurs with respect to such party, any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party (in each case, "X") and such Designated Event does not constitute a Merger Without Assumption, and the creditworthiness of X or, if applicable, the successor, surviving or transferee entity of X, after taking into account any applicable Credit Support Document, is materially weaker immediately after the occurrence of such Designated Event than that of X immediately prior to the occurrence of such Designated Event (and, in any such event, such party or its successor, surviving or transferee entity, as appropriate, will be the Affected Party). A "Designated Event" with respect to X means that:—

(1) X consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all its assets (or any substantial part of the assets comprising the business conducted by X as of the

date of this Master Agreement) to, or reorganises, reincorporates or reconstitutes into or as, another entity;

(2) any person, related group of persons or entity acquires directly or indirectly the beneficial ownership of (A) equity securities having the power to elect a majority of the board of directors (or its equivalent) of X or (B) any other ownership interest enabling it to exercise control of X; or

(3) X effects any substantial change in its capital structure by means of the issuance, incurrence or guarantee of debt or the issuance of (A) preferred stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for debt or preferred stock or (B) in the case of entities other than corporations, any other form of ownership interest; or

(vi) **Additional Termination Event.** If any “Additional Termination Event” is specified in the Schedule or any Confirmation as applying, the occurrence of such event (and, in such event, the Affected Party or Affected Parties will be as specified for such Additional Termination Event in the Schedule or such Confirmation).

(c) **Hierarchy of Events.**

(i) An event or circumstance that constitutes or gives rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event will not, for so long as that is the case, also constitute or give rise to an Event of Default under Section 5(a)(i), 5(a)(ii)(1) or 5(a)(iii)(1) insofar as such event or circumstance relates to the failure to make any payment or delivery or a failure to comply with any other material provision of this Agreement or a Credit Support Document, as the case may be.

(ii) Except in circumstances contemplated by clause (i) above, if an event or circumstance which would otherwise constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event also constitutes an Event of Default or any other Termination Event, it will be treated as an Event of Default or such other Termination Event, as the case may be, and will not constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event.

(iii) If an event or circumstance which would otherwise constitute or give rise to a Force Majeure Event also constitutes an Illegality, it will be treated as an Illegality, except as described in clause (ii) above, and not a Force Majeure Event.

(d) **Deferral of Payments and Deliveries During Waiting Period.** If an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event has occurred and is continuing with respect to a Transaction, each payment or delivery which would otherwise be required to be made under that Transaction will be deferred to, and will not be due until:—

(i) the first Local Business Day or, in the case of a delivery, the first Local Delivery Day (or the first day that would have been a Local Business Day or Local Delivery Day, as appropriate, but for the occurrence of the event or circumstance constituting or giving rise to that Illegality or Force Majeure Event) following the end of any applicable Waiting Period in respect of that Illegality or Force Majeure Event, as the case may be; or

(ii) if earlier, the date on which the event or circumstance constituting or giving rise to that Illegality or Force Majeure Event ceases to exist or, if such date is not a Local Business Day or, in the case of a delivery, a Local Delivery Day, the first following day that is a Local Business Day or Local Delivery Day, as appropriate.

(e) **Inability of Head or Home Office to Perform Obligations of Branch.** If (i) an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event occurs under Section 5(b)(i)(1) or 5(b)(ii)(1) and the relevant Office is not the Affected Party’s head or home office, (ii) Section 10(a) applies, (iii) the other party seeks performance of the relevant obligation or

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compliance with the relevant provision by the Affected Party's head or home office and (iv) the Affected Party's head or home office fails so to perform or comply due to the occurrence of an event or circumstance which would, if that head or home office were the Office through which the Affected Party makes and receives payments and deliveries with respect to the relevant Transaction, constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event, and such failure would otherwise constitute an Event of Default under Section 5(a)(i) or 5(a)(iii)(1) with respect to such party, then, for so long as the relevant event or circumstance continues to exist with respect to both the Office referred to in Section 5(b)(i)(1) or 5(b)(ii)(1), as the case may be, and the Affected Party's head or home office, such failure will not constitute an Event of Default under Section 5(a)(i) or 5(a)(iii)(1).

6. Early Termination; Close-Out Netting

(a) **Right to Terminate Following Event of Default.** If at any time an Event of Default with respect to a party (the "Defaulting Party") has occurred and is then continuing, the other party (the "Non-defaulting Party") may, by not more than 20 days notice to the Defaulting Party specifying the relevant Event of Default, designate a day not earlier than the day such notice is effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all outstanding Transactions. If, however, "Automatic Early Termination" is specified in the Schedule as applying to a party, then an Early Termination Date in respect of all outstanding Transactions will occur immediately upon the occurrence with respect to such party of an Event of Default specified in Section 5(a)(vii)(1), (3), (5), (6) or, to the extent analogous thereto, (8), and as of the time immediately preceding the institution of the relevant proceeding or the presentation of the relevant petition upon the occurrence with respect to such party of an Event of Default specified in Section 5(a)(vii)(4) or, to the extent analogous thereto, (8).

(b) **Right to Terminate Following Termination Event.**

(i) **Notice.** If a Termination Event other than a Force Majeure Event occurs, an Affected Party will, promptly upon becoming aware of it, notify the other party, specifying the nature of that Termination Event and each Affected Transaction, and will also give the other party such other information about that Termination Event as the other party may reasonably require. If a Force Majeure Event occurs, each party will, promptly upon becoming aware of it, use all reasonable efforts to notify the other party, specifying the nature of that Force Majeure Event, and will also give the other party such other information about that Force Majeure Event as the other party may reasonably require.

(ii) **Transfer to Avoid Termination Event.** If a Tax Event occurs and there is only one Affected Party, or if a Tax Event Upon Merger occurs and the Burdened Party is the Affected Party, the Affected Party will, as a condition to its right to designate an Early Termination Date under Section 6(b)(iv), use all reasonable efforts (which will not require such party to incur a loss, other than immaterial, incidental expenses) to transfer within 20 days after it gives notice under Section 6(b)(i) all its rights and obligations under this Agreement in respect of the Affected Transactions to another of its Offices or Affiliates so that such Termination Event ceases to exist.

If the Affected Party is not able to make such a transfer it will give notice to the other party to that effect within such 20 day period, whereupon the other party may effect such a transfer within 30 days after the notice is given under Section 6(b)(i).

Any such transfer by a party under this Section 6(b)(ii) will be subject to and conditional upon the prior written consent of the other party, which consent will not be withheld if such other party's policies in effect at such time would permit it to enter into transactions with the transferee on the terms proposed.

(iii) **Two Affected Parties.** If a Tax Event occurs and there are two Affected Parties, each party will use all reasonable efforts to reach agreement within 30 days after notice of such occurrence is given under Section 6(b)(i) to avoid that Termination Event.

(iv) *Right to Terminate.*

(1) If:—

(A) a transfer under Section 6(b)(ii) or an agreement under Section 6(b)(iii), as the case may be, has not been effected with respect to all Affected Transactions within 30 days after an Affected Party gives notice under Section 6(b)(i); or

(B) a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event occurs, or a Tax Event Upon Merger occurs and the Burdened Party is not the Affected Party,

the Burdened Party in the case of a Tax Event Upon Merger, any Affected Party in the case of a Tax Event or an Additional Termination Event if there are two Affected Parties, or the Non-affected Party in the case of a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event if there is only one Affected Party may, if the relevant Termination Event is then continuing, by not more than 20 days notice to the other party, designate a day not earlier than the day such notice is effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all Affected Transactions.

(2) If at any time an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event has occurred and is then continuing and any applicable Waiting Period has expired:—

(A) Subject to clause (B) below, either party may, by not more than 20 days notice to the other party, designate (I) a day not earlier than the day on which such notice becomes effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all Affected Transactions or (II) by specifying in that notice the Affected Transactions in respect of which it is designating the relevant day as an Early Termination Date, a day not earlier than two Local Business Days following the day on which such notice becomes effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of less than all Affected Transactions. Upon receipt of a notice designating an Early Termination Date in respect of less than all Affected Transactions, the other party may, by notice to the designating party, if such notice is effective on or before the day so designated, designate that same day as an Early Termination Date in respect of any or all other Affected Transactions.

(B) An Affected Party (if the Illegality or Force Majeure Event relates to performance by such party or any Credit Support Provider of such party of an obligation to make any payment or delivery under, or to compliance with any other material provision of, the relevant Credit Support Document) will only have the right to designate an Early Termination Date under Section 6(b)(iv)(2)(A) as a result of an Illegality under Section 5(b)(i)(2) or a Force Majeure Event under Section 5(b)(ii)(2) following the prior designation by the other party of an Early Termination Date, pursuant to Section 6(b)(iv)(2)(A), in respect of less than all Affected Transactions.

(c) *Effect of Designation.*

(i) If notice designating an Early Termination Date is given under Section 6(a) or 6(b), the Early Termination Date will occur on the date so designated, whether or not the relevant Event of Default or Termination Event is then continuing.

(ii) Upon the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date, no further payments or deliveries under Section 2(a)(i) or 9(h)(i) in respect of the Terminated Transactions will be required to be made, but without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement. The amount, if any, payable in respect of an Early Termination Date will be determined pursuant to Sections 6(e) and 9(h)(ii).

(d) ***Calculations; Payment Date.***

(i) ***Statement.*** On or as soon as reasonably practicable following the occurrence of an Early Termination Date, each party will make the calculations on its part, if any, contemplated by Section 6(e) and will provide to the other party a statement (1) showing, in reasonable detail, such calculations (including any quotations, market data or information from internal sources used in making such calculations), (2) specifying (except where there are two Affected Parties) any Early Termination Amount payable and (3) giving details of the relevant account to which any amount payable to it is to be paid. In the absence of written confirmation from the source of a quotation or market data obtained in determining a Close-out Amount, the records of the party obtaining such quotation or market data will be conclusive evidence of the existence and accuracy of such quotation or market data.

(ii) ***Payment Date.*** An Early Termination Amount due in respect of any Early Termination Date will, together with any amount of interest payable pursuant to Section 9(h)(ii)(2), be payable (1) on the day on which notice of the amount payable is effective in the case of an Early Termination Date which is designated or occurs as a result of an Event of Default and (2) on the day which is two Local Business Days after the day on which notice of the amount payable is effective (or, if there are two Affected Parties, after the day on which the statement provided pursuant to clause (i) above by the second party to provide such a statement is effective) in the case of an Early Termination Date which is designated as a result of a Termination Event.

(e) ***Payments on Early Termination.*** If an Early Termination Date occurs, the amount, if any, payable in respect of that Early Termination Date (the "Early Termination Amount") will be determined pursuant to this Section 6(e) and will be subject to Section 6(f).

(i) ***Events of Default.*** If the Early Termination Date results from an Event of Default, the Early Termination Amount will be an amount equal to (1) the sum of (A) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Close-out Amount or Close-out Amounts (whether positive or negative) determined by the Non-defaulting Party for each Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions, as the case may be, and (B) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Non-defaulting Party less (2) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to the Defaulting Party. If the Early Termination Amount is a positive number, the Defaulting Party will pay it to the Non-defaulting Party; if it is a negative number, the Non-defaulting Party will pay the absolute value of the Early Termination Amount to the Defaulting Party.

(ii) ***Termination Events.*** If the Early Termination Date results from a Termination Event:—

(1) ***One Affected Party.*** Subject to clause (3) below, if there is one Affected Party, the Early Termination Amount will be determined in accordance with Section 6(e)(i), except that references to the Defaulting Party and to the Non-defaulting Party will be deemed to be references to the Affected Party and to the Non-affected Party, respectively.

(2) ***Two Affected Parties.*** Subject to clause (3) below, if there are two Affected Parties, each party will determine an amount equal to the Termination Currency Equivalent of the sum of the Close-out Amount or Close-out Amounts (whether positive or negative) for each Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions, as the case may be, and the Early Termination Amount will be an amount equal to (A) the sum of (I) one-half of the difference between the higher amount so determined (by party "X") and the lower amount so determined (by party "Y") and (II) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to X less (B) the Termination Currency Equivalent of the Unpaid Amounts owing to Y. If the Early Termination Amount is a positive number, Y will pay it to X; if it is a negative number, X will pay the absolute value of the Early Termination Amount to Y.

(3) *Mid-Market Events.* If that Termination Event is an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event, then the Early Termination Amount will be determined in accordance with clause (1) or (2) above, as appropriate, except that, for the purpose of determining a Close-out Amount or Close-out Amounts, the Determining Party will:—

- (A) if obtaining quotations from one or more third parties (or from any of the Determining Party's Affiliates), ask each third party or Affiliate (I) not to take account of the current creditworthiness of the Determining Party or any existing Credit Support Document and (II) to provide mid-market quotations; and
- (B) in any other case, use mid-market values without regard to the creditworthiness of the Determining Party.

(iii) *Adjustment for Bankruptcy.* In circumstances where an Early Termination Date occurs because Automatic Early Termination applies in respect of a party, the Early Termination Amount will be subject to such adjustments as are appropriate and permitted by applicable law to reflect any payments or deliveries made by one party to the other under this Agreement (and retained by such other party) during the period from the relevant Early Termination Date to the date for payment determined under Section 6(d)(ii).

(iv) *Adjustment for Illegality or Force Majeure Event.* The failure by a party or any Credit Support Provider of such party to pay, when due, any Early Termination Amount will not constitute an Event of Default under Section 5(a)(i) or 5(a)(iii)(1) if such failure is due to the occurrence of an event or circumstance which would, if it occurred with respect to payment, delivery or compliance related to a Transaction, constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event. Such amount will (1) accrue interest and otherwise be treated as an Unpaid Amount owing to the other party if subsequently an Early Termination Date results from an Event of Default, a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event in respect of which all outstanding Transactions are Affected Transactions and (2) otherwise accrue interest in accordance with Section 9(h)(ii)(2).

(v) *Pre-Estimate.* The parties agree that an amount recoverable under this Section 6(e) is a reasonable pre-estimate of loss and not a penalty. Such amount is payable for the loss of bargain and the loss of protection against future risks, and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither party will be entitled to recover any additional damages as a consequence of the termination of the Terminated Transactions.

(f) *Set-Off.* Any Early Termination Amount payable to one party (the "Payee") by the other party (the "Payer"), in circumstances where there is a Defaulting Party or where there is one Affected Party in the case where either a Credit Event Upon Merger has occurred or any other Termination Event in respect of which all outstanding Transactions are Affected Transactions has occurred, will, at the option of the Non-defaulting Party or the Non-affected Party, as the case may be ("X") (and without prior notice to the Defaulting Party or the Affected Party, as the case may be), be reduced by its set-off against any other amounts ("Other Amounts") payable by the Payee to the Payer (whether or not arising under this Agreement, matured or contingent and irrespective of the currency, place of payment or place of booking of the obligation). To the extent that any Other Amounts are so set off, those Other Amounts will be discharged promptly and in all respects. X will give notice to the other party of any set-off effected under this Section 6(f).

For this purpose, either the Early Termination Amount or the Other Amounts (or the relevant portion of such amounts) may be converted by X into the currency in which the other is denominated at the rate of exchange at which such party would be able, in good faith and using commercially reasonable procedures, to purchase the relevant amount of such currency.

If an obligation is unascertained, X may in good faith estimate that obligation and set off in respect of the estimate, subject to the relevant party accounting to the other when the obligation is ascertained.

Nothing in this Section 6(f) will be effective to create a charge or other security interest. This Section 6(f) will be without prejudice and in addition to any right of set-off, offset, combination of accounts, lien, right of retention or withholding or similar right or requirement to which any party is at any time otherwise entitled or subject (whether by operation of law, contract or otherwise).

7. Transfer

Subject to Section 6(b)(ii) and to the extent permitted by applicable law, neither this Agreement nor any interest or obligation in or under this Agreement may be transferred (whether by way of security or otherwise) by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, except that:—

- (a) a party may make such a transfer of this Agreement pursuant to a consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all its assets to, another entity (but without prejudice to any other right or remedy under this Agreement); and
- (b) a party may make such a transfer of all or any part of its interest in any Early Termination Amount payable to it by a Defaulting Party, together with any amounts payable on or with respect to that interest and any other rights associated with that interest pursuant to Sections 8, 9(h) and 11.

Any purported transfer that is not in compliance with this Section 7 will be void.

8. Contractual Currency

(a) ***Payment in the Contractual Currency.*** Each payment under this Agreement will be made in the relevant currency specified in this Agreement for that payment (the “Contractual Currency”). To the extent permitted by applicable law, any obligation to make payments under this Agreement in the Contractual Currency will not be discharged or satisfied by any tender in any currency other than the Contractual Currency, except to the extent such tender results in the actual receipt by the party to which payment is owed, acting in good faith and using commercially reasonable procedures in converting the currency so tendered into the Contractual Currency, of the full amount in the Contractual Currency of all amounts payable in respect of this Agreement. If for any reason the amount in the Contractual Currency so received falls short of the amount in the Contractual Currency payable in respect of this Agreement, the party required to make the payment will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, immediately pay such additional amount in the Contractual Currency as may be necessary to compensate for the shortfall. If for any reason the amount in the Contractual Currency so received exceeds the amount in the Contractual Currency payable in respect of this Agreement, the party receiving the payment will refund promptly the amount of such excess.

(b) ***Judgments.*** To the extent permitted by applicable law, if any judgment or order expressed in a currency other than the Contractual Currency is rendered (i) for the payment of any amount owing in respect of this Agreement, (ii) for the payment of any amount relating to any early termination in respect of this Agreement or (iii) in respect of a judgment or order of another court for the payment of any amount described in clause (i) or (ii) above, the party seeking recovery, after recovery in full of the aggregate amount to which such party is entitled pursuant to the judgment or order, will be entitled to receive immediately from the other party the amount of any shortfall of the Contractual Currency received by such party as a consequence of sums paid in such other currency and will refund promptly to the other party any excess of the Contractual Currency received by such party as a consequence of sums paid in such other currency if such shortfall or such excess arises or results from any variation between the rate of exchange at which the Contractual Currency is converted into the currency of the judgment or order for the purpose of such judgment or order and the rate of exchange at which such party is able, acting in good faith and using

commercially reasonable procedures in converting the currency received into the Contractual Currency, to purchase the Contractual Currency with the amount of the currency of the judgment or order actually received by such party.

(c) ***Separate Indemnities.*** To the extent permitted by applicable law, the indemnities in this Section 8 constitute separate and independent obligations from the other obligations in this Agreement, will be enforceable as separate and independent causes of action, will apply notwithstanding any indulgence granted by the party to which any payment is owed and will not be affected by judgment being obtained or claim or proof being made for any other sums payable in respect of this Agreement.

(d) ***Evidence of Loss.*** For the purpose of this Section 8, it will be sufficient for a party to demonstrate that it would have suffered a loss had an actual exchange or purchase been made.

9. Miscellaneous

(a) ***Entire Agreement.*** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. Each of the parties acknowledges that in entering into this Agreement it has not relied on any oral or written representation, warranty or other assurance (except as provided for or referred to in this Agreement) and waives all rights and remedies which might otherwise be available to it in respect thereof, except that nothing in this Agreement will limit or exclude any liability of a party for fraud.

(b) ***Amendments.*** An amendment, modification or waiver in respect of this Agreement will only be effective if in writing (including a writing evidenced by a facsimile transmission) and executed by each of the parties or confirmed by an exchange of telexes or by an exchange of electronic messages on an electronic messaging system.

(c) ***Survival of Obligations.*** Without prejudice to Sections 2(a)(iii) and 6(c)(ii), the obligations of the parties under this Agreement will survive the termination of any Transaction.

(d) ***Remedies Cumulative.*** Except as provided in this Agreement, the rights, powers, remedies and privileges provided in this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers, remedies and privileges provided by law.

(e) ***Counterparts and Confirmations.***

(i) This Agreement (and each amendment, modification and waiver in respect of it) may be executed and delivered in counterparts (including by facsimile transmission and by electronic messaging system), each of which will be deemed an original.

(ii) The parties intend that they are legally bound by the terms of each Transaction from the moment they agree to those terms (whether orally or otherwise). A Confirmation will be entered into as soon as practicable and may be executed and delivered in counterparts (including by facsimile transmission) or be created by an exchange of telexes, by an exchange of electronic messages on an electronic messaging system or by an exchange of e-mails, which in each case will be sufficient for all purposes to evidence a binding supplement to this Agreement. The parties will specify therein or through another effective means that any such counterpart, telex, electronic message or e-mail constitutes a Confirmation.

(f) ***No Waiver of Rights.*** A failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege in respect of this Agreement will not be presumed to operate as a waiver, and a single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege will not be presumed to preclude any subsequent or further exercise, of that right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

(g) ***Headings.*** The headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction of or to be taken into consideration in interpreting this Agreement.

(h) *Interest and Compensation.*

(i) *Prior to Early Termination.* Prior to the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date in respect of the relevant Transaction:—

(1) *Interest on Defaulted Payments.* If a party defaults in the performance of any payment obligation, it will, to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 6(c), pay interest (before as well as after judgment) on the overdue amount to the other party on demand in the same currency as the overdue amount, for the period from (and including) the original due date for payment to (but excluding) the date of actual payment (and excluding any period in respect of which interest or compensation in respect of the overdue amount is due pursuant to clause (3)(B) or (C) below), at the Default Rate.

(2) *Compensation for Defaulted Deliveries.* If a party defaults in the performance of any obligation required to be settled by delivery, it will on demand (A) compensate the other party to the extent provided for in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement and (B) unless otherwise provided in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement, to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 6(c), pay to the other party interest (before as well as after judgment) on an amount equal to the fair market value of that which was required to be delivered in the same currency as that amount, for the period from (and including) the originally scheduled date for delivery to (but excluding) the date of actual delivery (and excluding any period in respect of which interest or compensation in respect of that amount is due pursuant to clause (4) below), at the Default Rate. The fair market value of any obligation referred to above will be determined as of the originally scheduled date for delivery, in good faith and using commercially reasonable procedures, by the party that was entitled to take delivery.

(3) *Interest on Deferred Payments.* If:—

(A) a party does not pay any amount that, but for Section 2(a)(iii), would have been payable, it will, to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 6(c) and clauses (B) and (C) below, pay interest (before as well as after judgment) on that amount to the other party on demand (after such amount becomes payable) in the same currency as that amount, for the period from (and including) the date the amount would, but for Section 2(a)(iii), have been payable to (but excluding) the date the amount actually becomes payable, at the Applicable Deferral Rate;

(B) a payment is deferred pursuant to Section 5(d), the party which would otherwise have been required to make that payment will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, subject to Section 6(c) and for so long as no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to that party has occurred and is continuing, pay interest (before as well as after judgment) on the amount of the deferred payment to the other party on demand (after such amount becomes payable) in the same currency as the deferred payment, for the period from (and including) the date the amount would, but for Section 5(d), have been payable to (but excluding) the earlier of the date the payment is no longer deferred pursuant to Section 5(d) and the date during the deferral period upon which an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to that party occurs, at the Applicable Deferral Rate; or

(C) a party fails to make any payment due to the occurrence of an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event (after giving effect to any deferral period contemplated by clause (B) above), it will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, subject to Section 6(c) and for so long as the event or circumstance giving rise to that Illegality or Force Majeure Event

continues and no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to that party has occurred and is continuing, pay interest (before as well as after judgment) on the overdue amount to the other party on demand in the same currency as the overdue amount, for the period from (and including) the date the party fails to make the payment due to the occurrence of the relevant Illegality or Force Majeure Event (or, if later, the date the payment is no longer deferred pursuant to Section 5(d)) to (but excluding) the earlier of the date the event or circumstance giving rise to that Illegality or Force Majeure Event ceases to exist and the date during the period upon which an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to that party occurs (and excluding any period in respect of which interest or compensation in respect of the overdue amount is due pursuant to clause (B) above), at the Applicable Deferral Rate.

(4) *Compensation for Deferred Deliveries.* If:—

- (A) a party does not perform any obligation that, but for Section 2(a)(iii), would have been required to be settled by delivery;
- (B) a delivery is deferred pursuant to Section 5(d); or
- (C) a party fails to make a delivery due to the occurrence of an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event at a time when any applicable Waiting Period has expired,

the party required (or that would otherwise have been required) to make the delivery will, to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 6(c), compensate and pay interest to the other party on demand (after, in the case of clauses (A) and (B) above, such delivery is required) if and to the extent provided for in the relevant Confirmation or elsewhere in this Agreement.

(ii) *Early Termination.* Upon the occurrence or effective designation of an Early Termination Date in respect of a Transaction:—

(1) *Unpaid Amounts.* For the purpose of determining an Unpaid Amount in respect of the relevant Transaction, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, interest will accrue on the amount of any payment obligation or the amount equal to the fair market value of any obligation required to be settled by delivery included in such determination in the same currency as that amount, for the period from (and including) the date the relevant obligation was (or would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii) or 5(d)) required to have been performed to (but excluding) the relevant Early Termination Date, at the Applicable Close-out Rate.

(2) *Interest on Early Termination Amounts.* If an Early Termination Amount is due in respect of such Early Termination Date, that amount will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be paid together with interest (before as well as after judgment) on that amount in the Termination Currency, for the period from (and including) such Early Termination Date to (but excluding) the date the amount is paid, at the Applicable Close-out Rate.

(iii) *Interest Calculation.* Any interest pursuant to this Section 9(h) will be calculated on the basis of daily compounding and the actual number of days elapsed.

10. Offices; Multibranch Parties

(a) If Section 10(a) is specified in the Schedule as applying, each party that enters into a Transaction through an Office other than its head or home office represents to and agrees with the other party that, notwithstanding the place of booking or its jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation, its obligations are the same in terms of recourse against it as if it had entered into the Transaction through its head or home office, except that a party will not have recourse to the head or home office of the other party in respect of any payment or delivery deferred pursuant to Section 5(d) for so long as the payment or delivery is so deferred. This representation and agreement will be deemed to be repeated by each party on each date on which the parties enter into a Transaction.

(b) If a party is specified as a Multibranch Party in the Schedule, such party may, subject to clause (c) below, enter into a Transaction through, book a Transaction in and make and receive payments and deliveries with respect to a Transaction through any Office listed in respect of that party in the Schedule (but not any other Office unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing).

(c) The Office through which a party enters into a Transaction will be the Office specified for that party in the relevant Confirmation or as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, and, if an Office for that party is not specified in the Confirmation or otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, its head or home office. Unless the parties otherwise agree in writing, the Office through which a party enters into a Transaction will also be the Office in which it books the Transaction and the Office through which it makes and receives payments and deliveries with respect to the Transaction. Subject to Section 6(b)(ii), neither party may change the Office in which it books the Transaction or the Office through which it makes and receives payments or deliveries with respect to a Transaction without the prior written consent of the other party.

11. Expenses

A Defaulting Party will on demand indemnify and hold harmless the other party for and against all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including legal fees, execution fees and Stamp Tax, incurred by such other party by reason of the enforcement and protection of its rights under this Agreement or any Credit Support Document to which the Defaulting Party is a party or by reason of the early termination of any Transaction, including, but not limited to, costs of collection.

12. Notices

(a) *Effectiveness.* Any notice or other communication in respect of this Agreement may be given in any manner described below (except that a notice or other communication under Section 5 or 6 may not be given by electronic messaging system or e-mail) to the address or number or in accordance with the electronic messaging system or e-mail details provided (see the Schedule) and will be deemed effective as indicated:—

- (i) if in writing and delivered in person or by courier, on the date it is delivered;
- (ii) if sent by telex, on the date the recipient's answerback is received;
- (iii) if sent by facsimile transmission, on the date it is received by a responsible employee of the recipient in legible form (it being agreed that the burden of proving receipt will be on the sender and will not be met by a transmission report generated by the sender's facsimile machine);
- (iv) if sent by certified or registered mail (airmail, if overseas) or the equivalent (return receipt requested), on the date it is delivered or its delivery is attempted;
- (v) if sent by electronic messaging system, on the date it is received; or

(vi) if sent by e-mail, on the date it is delivered,

unless the date of that delivery (or attempted delivery) or that receipt, as applicable, is not a Local Business Day or that communication is delivered (or attempted) or received, as applicable, after the close of business on a Local Business Day, in which case that communication will be deemed given and effective on the first following day that is a Local Business Day.

(b) *Change of Details.* Either party may by notice to the other change the address, telex or facsimile number or electronic messaging system or e-mail details at which notices or other communications are to be given to it.

13. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

(a) *Governing Law.* This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law specified in the Schedule.

(b) *Jurisdiction.* With respect to any suit, action or proceedings relating to any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement ("Proceedings"), each party irrevocably:—

(i) submits:—

(1) if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by English law, to (A) the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts if the Proceedings do not involve a Convention Court and (B) the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts if the Proceedings do involve a Convention Court; or

(2) if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by the laws of the State of New York, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and the United States District Court located in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City;

(ii) waives any objection which it may have at any time to the laying of venue of any Proceedings brought in any such court, waives any claim that such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further waives the right to object, with respect to such Proceedings, that such court does not have any jurisdiction over such party; and

(iii) agrees, to the extent permitted by applicable law, that the bringing of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions will not preclude the bringing of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction.

(c) *Service of Process.* Each party irrevocably appoints the Process Agent, if any, specified opposite its name in the Schedule to receive, for it and on its behalf, service of process in any Proceedings. If for any reason any party's Process Agent is unable to act as such, such party will promptly notify the other party and within 30 days appoint a substitute process agent acceptable to the other party. The parties irrevocably consent to service of process given in the manner provided for notices in Section 12(a)(i), 12(a)(iii) or 12(a)(iv). Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of either party to serve process in any other manner permitted by applicable law.

(d) *Waiver of Immunities.* Each party irrevocably waives, to the extent permitted by applicable law, with respect to itself and its revenues and assets (irrespective of their use or intended use), all immunity on the grounds of sovereignty or other similar grounds from (i) suit, (ii) jurisdiction of any court, (iii) relief by way of injunction or order for specific performance or recovery of property, (iv) attachment of its assets (whether before or after judgment) and (v) execution or enforcement of any judgment to which it or its revenues or assets might otherwise be entitled in any Proceedings in the courts of any jurisdiction and irrevocably agrees, to the extent permitted by applicable law, that it will not claim any such immunity in any Proceedings.

14. Definitions

As used in this Agreement:—

“Additional Representation” has the meaning specified in Section 3.

“Additional Termination Event” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“Affected Party” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“Affected Transactions” means (a) with respect to any Termination Event consisting of an Illegality, Force Majeure Event, Tax Event or Tax Event Upon Merger, all Transactions affected by the occurrence of such Termination Event (which, in the case of an Illegality under Section 5(b)(i)(2) or a Force Majeure Event under Section 5(b)(ii)(2), means all Transactions unless the relevant Credit Support Document references only certain Transactions, in which case those Transactions and, if the relevant Credit Support Document constitutes a Confirmation for a Transaction, that Transaction) and (b) with respect to any other Termination Event, all Transactions.

“Affiliate” means, subject to the Schedule, in relation to any person, any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the person, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the person or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the person. For this purpose, “control” of any entity or person means ownership of a majority of the voting power of the entity or person.

“Agreement” has the meaning specified in Section 1(c).

“Applicable Close-out Rate” means:—

(a) in respect of the determination of an Unpaid Amount:—

(i) in respect of obligations payable or deliverable (or which would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii)) by a Defaulting Party, the Default Rate;

(ii) in respect of obligations payable or deliverable (or which would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii)) by a Non-defaulting Party, the Non-default Rate;

(iii) in respect of obligations deferred pursuant to Section 5(d), if there is no Defaulting Party and for so long as the deferral period continues, the Applicable Deferral Rate; and

(iv) in all other cases following the occurrence of a Termination Event (except where interest accrues pursuant to clause (iii) above), the Applicable Deferral Rate; and

(b) in respect of an Early Termination Amount:—

(i) for the period from (and including) the relevant Early Termination Date to (but excluding) the date (determined in accordance with Section 6(d)(ii)) on which that amount is payable:—

(1) if the Early Termination Amount is payable by a Defaulting Party, the Default Rate;

(2) if the Early Termination Amount is payable by a Non-defaulting Party, the Non-default Rate; and

(3) in all other cases, the Applicable Deferral Rate; and

(ii) for the period from (and including) the date (determined in accordance with Section 6(d)(ii)) on which that amount is payable to (but excluding) the date of actual payment:—

- (1) if a party fails to pay the Early Termination Amount due to the occurrence of an event or circumstance which would, if it occurred with respect to a payment or delivery under a Transaction, constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event, and for so long as the Early Termination Amount remains unpaid due to the continuing existence of such event or circumstance, the Applicable Deferral Rate;
- (2) if the Early Termination Amount is payable by a Defaulting Party (but excluding any period in respect of which clause (1) above applies), the Default Rate;
- (3) if the Early Termination Amount is payable by a Non-defaulting Party (but excluding any period in respect of which clause (1) above applies), the Non-default Rate; and
- (4) in all other cases, the Termination Rate.

“Applicable Deferral Rate” means:—

- (a) for the purpose of Section 9(h)(i)(3)(A), the rate certified by the relevant payer to be a rate offered to the payer by a major bank in a relevant interbank market for overnight deposits in the applicable currency, such bank to be selected in good faith by the payer for the purpose of obtaining a representative rate that will reasonably reflect conditions prevailing at the time in that relevant market;
- (b) for purposes of Section 9(h)(i)(3)(B) and clause (a)(iii) of the definition of Applicable Close-out Rate, the rate certified by the relevant payer to be a rate offered to prime banks by a major bank in a relevant interbank market for overnight deposits in the applicable currency, such bank to be selected in good faith by the payer after consultation with the other party, if practicable, for the purpose of obtaining a representative rate that will reasonably reflect conditions prevailing at the time in that relevant market; and
- (c) for purposes of Section 9(h)(i)(3)(C) and clauses (a)(iv), (b)(i)(3) and (b)(ii)(1) of the definition of Applicable Close-out Rate, a rate equal to the arithmetic mean of the rate determined pursuant to clause (a) above and a rate per annum equal to the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to the relevant payee (as certified by it) if it were to fund or of funding the relevant amount.

“Automatic Early Termination” has the meaning specified in Section 6(a).

“Burdened Party” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b)(iv).

“Change in Tax Law” means the enactment, promulgation, execution or ratification of, or any change in or amendment to, any law (or in the application or official interpretation of any law) that occurs after the parties enter into the relevant Transaction.

“Close-out Amount” means, with respect to each Terminated Transaction or each group of Terminated Transactions and a Determining Party, the amount of the losses or costs of the Determining Party that are or would be incurred under then prevailing circumstances (expressed as a positive number) or gains of the Determining Party that are or would be realised under then prevailing circumstances (expressed as a negative number) in replacing, or in providing for the Determining Party the economic equivalent of, (a) the material terms of that Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions, including the payments and deliveries by the parties under Section 2(a)(i) in respect of that Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions that would, but for the occurrence of the relevant Early Termination Date, have been required after that date (assuming satisfaction of the conditions precedent in

Section 2(a)(iii)) and (b) the option rights of the parties in respect of that Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions.

Any Close-out Amount will be determined by the Determining Party (or its agent), which will act in good faith and use commercially reasonable procedures in order to produce a commercially reasonable result. The Determining Party may determine a Close-out Amount for any group of Terminated Transactions or any individual Terminated Transaction but, in the aggregate, for not less than all Terminated Transactions. Each Close-out Amount will be determined as of the Early Termination Date or, if that would not be commercially reasonable, as of the date or dates following the Early Termination Date as would be commercially reasonable.

Unpaid Amounts in respect of a Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions and legal fees and out-of-pocket expenses referred to in Section 11 are to be excluded in all determinations of Close-out Amounts.

In determining a Close-out Amount, the Determining Party may consider any relevant information, including, without limitation, one or more of the following types of information:—

- (i) quotations (either firm or indicative) for replacement transactions supplied by one or more third parties that may take into account the creditworthiness of the Determining Party at the time the quotation is provided and the terms of any relevant documentation, including credit support documentation, between the Determining Party and the third party providing the quotation;
- (ii) information consisting of relevant market data in the relevant market supplied by one or more third parties including, without limitation, relevant rates, prices, yields, yield curves, volatilities, spreads, correlations or other relevant market data in the relevant market; or
- (iii) information of the types described in clause (i) or (ii) above from internal sources (including any of the Determining Party's Affiliates) if that information is of the same type used by the Determining Party in the regular course of its business for the valuation of similar transactions.

The Determining Party will consider, taking into account the standards and procedures described in this definition, quotations pursuant to clause (i) above or relevant market data pursuant to clause (ii) above unless the Determining Party reasonably believes in good faith that such quotations or relevant market data are not readily available or would produce a result that would not satisfy those standards. When considering information described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, the Determining Party may include costs of funding, to the extent costs of funding are not and would not be a component of the other information being utilised. Third parties supplying quotations pursuant to clause (i) above or market data pursuant to clause (ii) above may include, without limitation, dealers in the relevant markets, end-users of the relevant product, information vendors, brokers and other sources of market information.

Without duplication of amounts calculated based on information described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, or other relevant information, and when it is commercially reasonable to do so, the Determining Party may in addition consider in calculating a Close-out Amount any loss or cost incurred in connection with its terminating, liquidating or re-establishing any hedge related to a Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions (or any gain resulting from any of them).

Commercially reasonable procedures used in determining a Close-out Amount may include the following:—

- (1) application to relevant market data from third parties pursuant to clause (ii) above or information from internal sources pursuant to clause (iii) above of pricing or other valuation models that are, at the time of the determination of the Close-out Amount, used by the Determining Party in the regular course of its business in pricing or valuing transactions between the Determining Party and unrelated third parties that are similar to the Terminated Transaction or group of Terminated Transactions; and

(2) application of different valuation methods to Terminated Transactions or groups of Terminated Transactions depending on the type, complexity, size or number of the Terminated Transactions or group of Terminated Transactions.

“Confirmation” has the meaning specified in the preamble.

“consent” includes a consent, approval, action, authorisation, exemption, notice, filing, registration or exchange control consent.

“Contractual Currency” has the meaning specified in Section 8(a).

“Convention Court” means any court which is bound to apply to the Proceedings either Article 17 of the 1968 Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters or Article 17 of the 1988 Lugano Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters.

“Credit Event Upon Merger” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“Credit Support Document” means any agreement or instrument that is specified as such in this Agreement.

“Credit Support Provider” has the meaning specified in the Schedule.

“Cross-Default” means the event specified in Section 5(a)(vi).

“Default Rate” means a rate per annum equal to the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to the relevant payee (as certified by it) if it were to fund or of funding the relevant amount plus 1% per annum.

“Defaulting Party” has the meaning specified in Section 6(a).

“Designated Event” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b)(v).

“Determining Party” means the party determining a Close-out Amount.

“Early Termination Amount” has the meaning specified in Section 6(e).

“Early Termination Date” means the date determined in accordance with Section 6(a) or 6(b)(iv).

“electronic messages” does not include e-mails but does include documents expressed in markup languages, and ***“electronic messaging system”*** will be construed accordingly.

“English law” means the law of England and Wales, and ***“English”*** will be construed accordingly.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5(a) and, if applicable, in the Schedule.

“Force Majeure Event” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“General Business Day” means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits).

“Illegality” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

"Indemnifiable Tax" means any Tax other than a Tax that would not be imposed in respect of a payment under this Agreement but for a present or former connection between the jurisdiction of the government or taxation authority imposing such Tax and the recipient of such payment or a person related to such recipient (including, without limitation, a connection arising from such recipient or related person being or having been a citizen or resident of such jurisdiction, or being or having been organised, present or engaged in a trade or business in such jurisdiction, or having or having had a permanent establishment or fixed place of business in such jurisdiction, but excluding a connection arising solely from such recipient or related person having executed, delivered, performed its obligations or received a payment under, or enforced, this Agreement or a Credit Support Document).

"law" includes any treaty, law, rule or regulation (as modified, in the case of tax matters, by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority), and ***"unlawful"*** will be construed accordingly.

"Local Business Day" means (a) in relation to any obligation under Section 2(a)(i), a General Business Day in the place or places specified in the relevant Confirmation and a day on which a relevant settlement system is open or operating as specified in the relevant Confirmation or, if a place or a settlement system is not so specified, as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing or determined pursuant to provisions contained, or incorporated by reference, in this Agreement, (b) for the purpose of determining when a Waiting Period expires, a General Business Day in the place where the event or circumstance that constitutes or gives rise to the Illegality or Force Majeure Event, as the case may be, occurs, (c) in relation to any other payment, a General Business Day in the place where the relevant account is located and, if different, in the principal financial centre, if any, of the currency of such payment and, if that currency does not have a single recognised principal financial centre, a day on which the settlement system necessary to accomplish such payment is open, (d) in relation to any notice or other communication, including notice contemplated under Section 5(a)(i), a General Business Day (or a day that would have been a General Business Day but for the occurrence of an event or circumstance which would, if it occurred with respect to payment, delivery or compliance related to a Transaction, constitute or give rise to an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event) in the place specified in the address for notice provided by the recipient and, in the case of a notice contemplated by Section 2(b), in the place where the relevant new account is to be located and (e) in relation to Section 5(a)(v)(2), a General Business Day in the relevant locations for performance with respect to such Specified Transaction.

"Local Delivery Day" means, for purposes of Sections 5(a)(i) and 5(d), a day on which settlement systems necessary to accomplish the relevant delivery are generally open for business so that the delivery is capable of being accomplished in accordance with customary market practice, in the place specified in the relevant Confirmation or, if not so specified, in a location as determined in accordance with customary market practice for the relevant delivery.

"Master Agreement" has the meaning specified in the preamble.

"Merger Without Assumption" means the event specified in Section 5(a)(viii).

"Multiple Transaction Payment Netting" has the meaning specified in Section 2(c).

"Non-affected Party" means, so long as there is only one Affected Party, the other party.

"Non-default Rate" means the rate certified by the Non-defaulting Party to be a rate offered to the Non-defaulting Party by a major bank in a relevant interbank market for overnight deposits in the applicable currency, such bank to be selected in good faith by the Non-defaulting Party for the purpose of obtaining a representative rate that will reasonably reflect conditions prevailing at the time in that relevant market.

"Non-defaulting Party" has the meaning specified in Section 6(a).

"Office" means a branch or office of a party, which may be such party's head or home office.

"Other Amounts" has the meaning specified in Section 6(f).

"Payee" has the meaning specified in Section 6(f).

"Payer" has the meaning specified in Section 6(f).

"Potential Event of Default" means any event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"Proceedings" has the meaning specified in Section 13(b).

"Process Agent" has the meaning specified in the Schedule.

"rate of exchange" includes, without limitation, any premiums and costs of exchange payable in connection with the purchase of or conversion into the Contractual Currency.

"Relevant Jurisdiction" means, with respect to a party, the jurisdictions (a) in which the party is incorporated, organised, managed and controlled or considered to have its seat, (b) where an Office through which the party is acting for purposes of this Agreement is located, (c) in which the party executes this Agreement and (d) in relation to any payment, from or through which such payment is made.

"Schedule" has the meaning specified in the preamble.

"Scheduled Settlement Date" means a date on which a payment or delivery is to be made under Section 2(a)(i) with respect to a Transaction.

"Specified Entity" has the meaning specified in the Schedule.

"Specified Indebtedness" means, subject to the Schedule, any obligation (whether present or future, contingent or otherwise, as principal or surety or otherwise) in respect of borrowed money.

"Specified Transaction" means, subject to the Schedule, (a) any transaction (including an agreement with respect to any such transaction) now existing or hereafter entered into between one party to this Agreement (or any Credit Support Provider of such party or any applicable Specified Entity of such party) and the other party to this Agreement (or any Credit Support Provider of such other party or any applicable Specified Entity of such other party) which is not a Transaction under this Agreement but (i) which is a rate swap transaction, swap option, basis swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, equity or equity index swap, equity or equity index option, bond option, interest rate option, foreign exchange transaction, cap transaction, floor transaction, collar transaction, currency swap transaction, cross-currency rate swap transaction, currency option, credit protection transaction, credit swap, credit default swap, credit default option, total return swap, credit spread transaction, repurchase transaction, reverse repurchase transaction, buy/sell-back transaction, securities lending transaction, weather index transaction or forward purchase or sale of a security, commodity or other financial instrument or interest (including any option with respect to any of these transactions) or (ii) which is a type of transaction that is similar to any transaction referred to in clause (i) above that is currently, or in the future becomes, recurrently entered into in the financial markets (including terms and conditions incorporated by reference in such agreement) and which is a forward, swap, future, option or other derivative on one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity securities or other equity instruments, debt securities or other debt instruments, economic indices or measures of economic risk or value, or other benchmarks against which payments or deliveries are to be made, (b) any combination of these transactions and (c) any other transaction identified as a Specified Transaction in this Agreement or the relevant confirmation.

"Stamp Tax" means any stamp, registration, documentation or similar tax.

"Stamp Tax Jurisdiction" has the meaning specified in Section 4(e).

“Tax” means any present or future tax, levy, impost, duty, charge, assessment or fee of any nature (including interest, penalties and additions thereto) that is imposed by any government or other taxing authority in respect of any payment under this Agreement other than a stamp, registration, documentation or similar tax.

“Tax Event” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“Tax Event Upon Merger” has the meaning specified in Section 5(b).

“Terminated Transactions” means, with respect to any Early Termination Date, (a) if resulting from an Illegality or a Force Majeure Event, all Affected Transactions specified in the notice given pursuant to Section 6(b)(iv), (b) if resulting from any other Termination Event, all Affected Transactions and (c) if resulting from an Event of Default, all Transactions in effect either immediately before the effectiveness of the notice designating that Early Termination Date or, if Automatic Early Termination applies, immediately before that Early Termination Date.

“Termination Currency” means (a) if a Termination Currency is specified in the Schedule and that currency is freely available, that currency, and (b) otherwise, euro if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by English law or United States Dollars if this Agreement is expressed to be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

“Termination Currency Equivalent” means, in respect of any amount denominated in the Termination Currency, such Termination Currency amount and, in respect of any amount denominated in a currency other than the Termination Currency (the “Other Currency”), the amount in the Termination Currency determined by the party making the relevant determination as being required to purchase such amount of such Other Currency as at the relevant Early Termination Date, or, if the relevant Close-out Amount is determined as of a later date, that later date, with the Termination Currency at the rate equal to the spot exchange rate of the foreign exchange agent (selected as provided below) for the purchase of such Other Currency with the Termination Currency at or about 11:00 a.m. (in the city in which such foreign exchange agent is located) on such date as would be customary for the determination of such a rate for the purchase of such Other Currency for value on the relevant Early Termination Date or that later date. The foreign exchange agent will, if only one party is obliged to make a determination under Section 6(e), be selected in good faith by that party and otherwise will be agreed by the parties.

“Termination Event” means an Illegality, a Force Majeure Event, a Tax Event, a Tax Event Upon Merger or, if specified to be applicable, a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event.

“Termination Rate” means a rate per annum equal to the arithmetic mean of the cost (without proof or evidence of any actual cost) to each party (as certified by such party) if it were to fund or of funding such amounts.

“Threshold Amount” means the amount, if any, specified as such in the Schedule.

“Transaction” has the meaning specified in the preamble.

“Unpaid Amounts” owing to any party means, with respect to an Early Termination Date, the aggregate of (a) in respect of all Terminated Transactions, the amounts that became payable (or that would have become payable but for Section 2(a)(iii) or due but for Section 5(d)) to such party under Section 2(a)(i) or 2(d)(i)(4) on or prior to such Early Termination Date and which remain unpaid as at such Early Termination Date, (b) in respect of each Terminated Transaction, for each obligation under Section 2(a)(i) which was (or would have been but for Section 2(a)(iii) or 5(d)) required to be settled by delivery to such party on or prior to such Early Termination Date and which has not been so settled as at such Early Termination Date, an amount equal to the fair market value of that which was (or would have been) required to be delivered and (c) if the Early Termination Date results from an Event of Default, a Credit Event Upon Merger or an Additional Termination Event in respect of which all outstanding Transactions are Affected Transactions, any Early Termination Amount due prior to such Early Termination Date and which remains unpaid as of such Early Termination Date, in each case together with any amount of interest accrued or other

compensation in respect of that obligation or deferred obligation, as the case may be, pursuant to Section 9(h)(ii)(1) or (2), as appropriate. The fair market value of any obligation referred to in clause (b) above will be determined as of the originally scheduled date for delivery, in good faith and using commercially reasonable procedures, by the party obliged to make the determination under Section 6(e) or, if each party is so obliged, it will be the average of the Termination Currency Equivalents of the fair market values so determined by both parties.

“Waiting Period” means:—

- (a) in respect of an event or circumstance under Section 5(b)(i), other than in the case of Section 5(b)(i)(2) where the relevant payment, delivery or compliance is actually required on the relevant day (in which case no Waiting Period will apply), a period of three Local Business Days (or days that would have been Local Business Days but for the occurrence of that event or circumstance) following the occurrence of that event or circumstance; and
- (b) in respect of an event or circumstance under Section 5(b)(ii), other than in the case of Section 5(b)(ii)(2) where the relevant payment, delivery or compliance is actually required on the relevant day (in which case no Waiting Period will apply), a period of eight Local Business Days (or days that would have been Local Business Days but for the occurrence of that event or circumstance) following the occurrence of that event or circumstance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document on the respective dates specified below with effect from the date specified on the first page of this document.

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(Name of Party)

.....
(Name of Party)

By:

By:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

ISDA®

International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

SCHEDULE to the 2002 Master Agreement

dated as of

between and

(“Party A”)

(“Party B”)

[established as a [COUNTERPARTY TYPE]]

[established as a [COUNTERPARTY TYPE]]

[with company number [NUMBER]]

[with company number [NUMBER]]

[under the laws of [JURISDICTION]]

[under the laws of [JURISDICTION]]

[acting through its [BRANCH]]*

[acting through its [BRANCH]]*

Part 1. Termination Provisions.

(a) “Specified Entity” means in relation to Party A for the purpose of:—

Section 5(a)(v),
Section 5(a)(vi),
Section 5(a)(vii),
Section 5(b)(v),

and in relation to Party B for the purpose of:—

Section 5(a)(v),
Section 5(a)(vi),
Section 5(a)(vii),
Section 5(b)(v),

* Include if applicable.

Part 2. Tax Representations.****

(a) **Payer Representations.** For the purpose of Section 3(e) of this Agreement[, Party A and Party B do not make any representations.][:—

[(i)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

It is not required by any applicable law, as modified by the practice of any relevant governmental revenue authority, of any Relevant Jurisdiction to make any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax from any payment (other than interest under Section 9(h) of this Agreement) to

* Delete as applicable.

** Include if Cross-Default will apply to either Party A or Party B.

*** Include if Additional Termination Event will apply.

**** N.B.: the following representations may need modification if either party is a Multibranch Party.

be made by it to the other party under this Agreement. In making this representation, it may rely on (i) the accuracy of any representations made by the other party pursuant to Section 3(f) of this Agreement, (ii) the satisfaction of the agreement contained in Section 4(a)(i) or 4(a)(iii) of this Agreement and the accuracy and effectiveness of any document provided by the other party pursuant to Section 4(a)(i) or 4(a)(iii) of this Agreement and (iii) the satisfaction of the agreement of the other party contained in Section 4(d) of this Agreement, except that it will not be a breach of this representation where reliance is placed on clause (ii) above and the other party does not deliver a form or document under Section 4(a)(iii) by reason of material prejudice to its legal or commercial position.]*

[(ii)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation[s]:—
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(b) *Payee Representations.* For the purpose of Section 3(f) of this Agreement[, Party A and Party B do not make any representations.]:—

[(i)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

It is fully eligible for the benefits of the “Business Profits” or “Industrial and Commercial Profits” provision, as the case may be, the “interest” provision or the “Other Income” provision, if any, of the Specified Treaty with respect to any payment described in such provisions and received or to be received by it in connection with this Agreement and no such payment is attributable to a trade or business carried on by it through a permanent establishment in the Specified Jurisdiction.

“*Specified Treaty*” means with respect to Party A

“*Specified Jurisdiction*” means with respect to Party A

“*Specified Treaty*” means with respect to Party B

“*Specified Jurisdiction*” means with respect to Party B]]*

[(ii)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

Each payment received or to be received by it in connection with this Agreement will be effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the Specified Jurisdiction.

“*Specified Jurisdiction*” means with respect to Party A

“*Specified Jurisdiction*” means with respect to Party B]]*

[(iii)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

It is a “U.S. person” (as that term is used in section 1.1441-4(a)(3)(ii) of United States Treasury Regulations) for United States federal income tax purposes.]*

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Delete as applicable.

[[(iv)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

It is a “non-U.S. branch of a foreign person” (as that term is used in section 1.1441-4(a)(3)(ii) of United States Treasury Regulations) for United States federal income tax purposes.]*

[[(v)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

With respect to payments made to an address outside the United States or made by a transfer of funds to an account outside the United States, it is a “non-U.S. branch of a foreign person” (as that term is used in section 1.1441-4(a)(3)(ii) of United States Treasury Regulations) for United States federal income tax purposes.]*

[[(vi)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation:—

It is a “foreign person” (as that term is used in section 1.6041-4(a)(4) of United States Treasury Regulations) for United States federal income tax purposes.]*

[[(vii)] [Party A] [and] [Party B] [each] make[s] the following representation[s]:—

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Part 3. Agreement to Deliver Documents.

For the purpose of Sections 4(a)(i) and 4(a)(ii) of this Agreement, each party agrees to deliver the following documents, as applicable:—

(a) Tax forms, documents or certificates to be delivered are[: none][:—

Party required to deliver document	Form/Document/ Certificate	Date by which to be delivered
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* Delete as applicable.

(b) Other documents to be delivered are[: none][:—

Party required to deliver document	Form/Document/ Certificate	Date by which to be delivered	Covered by Section 3(d) Representation
.....	[Yes][No]
.....	[Yes][No]
.....	[Yes][No]
.....	[Yes][No]
.....	[Yes][No]]*

Part 4. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Addresses for Notices.* For the purpose of Section 12(a) of this Agreement:—

Address for notices or communications to Party A:—

Address:

Attention:

Telex No.: Answerback:

Facsimile No.: Telephone No.:

E-mail:

Electronic Messaging System Details:

Specific Instructions:

Address for notices or communications to Party B:—

Address:

Attention:

Telex No.: Answerback:

Facsimile No.: Telephone No.:

E-mail:

Electronic Messaging System Details:

Specific Instructions:

* Delete as applicable.

(b) *Process Agent.* For the purpose of Section 13(c) of this Agreement:—

Party A appoints as its Process Agent: [not applicable][.....] *]

Party B appoints as its Process Agent: [not applicable][.....]* [.....]

(c) *Offices.* The provisions of Section 10(a) [will][will not]^{*} apply to this Agreement.

(d) ***Multibranch Party.*** For the purpose of Section 10(b) of this Agreement:—

Party A [is not a Multibranch Party.][is a Multibranch Party and may enter into a Transaction through any of the following Offices:—

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Party B [is not a Multibranch Party.] is a Multibranch Party and may enter into a Transaction through any of the following Offices:—

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.....] *

[e] **Calculation Agent.** The Calculation Agent is, unless otherwise specified in a Confirmation in relation to the relevant Transaction.]**

[f] **Credit Support Document.** Details of any Credit Support Document:— [none][.....]

[*].....

[(g)] **Credit Support Provider.** Credit Support Provider means in relation to Party A, [none][.....

.....] *

Credit Support Provider means in relation to Party B, [none][.....]
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[h] **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with [English law][the laws of the State of New York (without reference to choice of law doctrine)]*.

* Delete as applicable

** Delete as applicable.
Include if applicable

[(i)] ***Netting of Payments.*** “Multiple Transaction Payment Netting” [will not apply for the purpose of Section 2(c) of this Agreement.][will apply for the purpose of Section 2(c) of this Agreement to [all Transactions][the following Transactions or groups of Transactions:—
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(in each case starting from [the date of this Agreement][.....])]*

[(j)] ***Affiliate*** [will have the meaning specified in Section 14 of this Agreement.][means
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[(k)] ***Absence of Litigation.*** For the purpose of Section 3(c):—
“Specified Entity” means in relation to Party A,
“Specified Entity” means in relation to Party B,

[(l)] ***No Agency.*** The provisions of Section 3(g) [will][will not]* apply to this Agreement.

[(m)] ***Additional Representation*** [will][will not]* apply. [For the purpose of Section 3 of this Agreement, the following will constitute an Additional Representation:—
[[[i]] ***Relationship Between Parties.*** Each party will be deemed to represent to the other party on the date on which it enters into a Transaction that (absent a written agreement between the parties that expressly imposes affirmative obligations to the contrary for that Transaction):—
[(1)] ***Non-Reliance.*** It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to enter into that Transaction and as to whether that Transaction is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the other party as investment advice or as a recommendation to enter into that Transaction, it being understood that information and explanations related to the terms and conditions of a Transaction will not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to enter into that Transaction. No communication (written or oral) received from the other party will be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of that Transaction.
[(2)] ***Assessment and Understanding.*** It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of that Transaction. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of that Transaction.
[(3)] ***Status of Parties.*** The other party is not acting as a fiduciary for or an adviser to it in respect of that Transaction.]]*

[[(n)] ***Recording of Conversations.*** Each party (i) consents to the recording of telephone conversations between the trading, marketing and other relevant personnel of the parties in connection with this Agreement or any potential Transaction, (ii) agrees to obtain any necessary consent of, and give any necessary notice of such recording to, its relevant personnel and (iii) agrees, to the extent permitted by applicable law, that recordings may be submitted in evidence in any Proceedings.]**

* Delete as applicable.

** Include if applicable.

Part 5. Other Provisions.

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(Name of Party)

.....
(Name of Party)

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

Exhibit 2

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**Amended and Restated Master Confirmation Agreement for
Virtual Currency Put and Call Option Transactions
Dated as of 2020/06/22 (the “Effective Date”)
between
GGC International Limited (“Party A”) and
Roger Ver (“Party B”)**

The parties wish to facilitate the process of entering into and confirming:

put and call option transactions in respect of Bitcoin (“**BTC**”), Ether (“**ETH**”) and other Virtual Currency (defined below) having similar characteristics (each, a “**Virtual Currency Transaction**” and collectively, “**Virtual Currency**”)

and accordingly agree as follows:

1. Application; Contractual Framework.

(a) This Master Confirmation Agreement for Virtual Currency Transactions (“**Master Confirmation**”) shall apply to each Virtual Currency Transaction (each, a “**Transaction**”) entered into between Party A and Party B on or after the Effective Date, unless the Addendum or a confirmation of a Virtual Currency Transaction specifies that this Master Confirmation does not apply.

(b) As of the date hereof, Party A and Party B will be deemed to enter into (i) an ISDA master agreement in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (Multicurrency – Cross Border) published by ISDA (the “**Form ISDA Master Agreement**”) without any Schedule, except for the elections and modifications that are provided in Paragraph 7 of this Master Confirmation and (ii) an ISDA credit support agreement in the form of the 1994 ISDA Credit Support Annex (the “**Form ISDA CSA**”) without any paragraph 13 thereof, except for the elections and modifications that are provided in Paragraph 8 of this Master Confirmation. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Form ISDA Master Agreement or the Form ISDA CSA and this Master Confirmation, this Master Confirmation will prevail for the purpose of any Transaction.

2. Definitions.

(a) The definitions and provisions contained in (i) the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“**ISDA**”) (the “**2006 Definitions**”) and (ii) the 1998 FX and Currency Option Definitions as published by ISDA, the Emerging Markets Trading Association and the Foreign Exchange Committee (the “**FX Definitions**”) and, together with the 2006 Definitions, the “**Definitions**”) are incorporated by reference into this Master Confirmation except as expressly provided herein. In the event of any inconsistency between the Definitions and this Master Confirmation, this Master Confirmation will govern for the purposes of each Transaction. In the event of any inconsistency between the 2006 Definitions and the FX Definitions, the FX Definitions will govern for the purposes of each Transaction.

(b) For the purpose of the FX Definitions, each Transaction constitutes either a Deliverable Transaction or Non-deliverable Transaction. For the purpose of the 2006 Definitions, each Transaction constitutes a Swap Transaction.

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(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Master Confirmation Agreement or any Transaction, Annex A of the FX Definitions, and any references to Annex A in Section 4.2 of the FX Definitions shall not be applicable to the Transaction, and the FX Definitions shall be read as if any reference to Annex A was removed from the FX Definitions.

3. Transaction Confirmation: The parties shall confirm the Economic Terms (as defined in paragraph 4 below) of each **Virtual Currency Transaction** in a Confirmation (each such Confirmation, a “**Transaction Confirmation**”). Each Transaction Confirmation may be executed and delivered in counterparts (including by facsimile transmission), or an exchange of e-mails. Each Transaction Confirmation shall be deemed to incorporate and be subject to all of the terms of this Master Confirmation. This Master Confirmation, together with each Transaction Confirmation, constitutes a “Confirmation” for purposes of the Form ISDA Master Agreement. Each Transaction Confirmation shall be deemed to incorporate the general terms for all Transactions specified in paragraph 5 and the disruption fallbacks and adjustment conventions specified in paragraph 6.

4. Virtual Currency Transaction Economic Terms:

Trade Date:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Reference Currency:	For any transaction, BTC, ETH or another applicable Virtual Currency as specified in the Transaction Confirmation, each of which shall be deemed to be a "currency" for the purpose of the Definitions.
Currency Option Type:	Put or Call, as specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Call Currency	Reference Currency specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Call Currency Amount:	The amount of the Reference Currency (which may be a fractional amount) as specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Strike Price:	The amount of USD per 1.00 whole unit of the Reference Currency as specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Expiration Date:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Expiration Time:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Settlement Date:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Premium:	USD Amount as specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Premium Payment Date:	Trade Date
Account Details:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.

5. General Terms:

Transaction Type: Currency Option, Call or Put as specified in the Transaction Confirmation
Settlement: As specified in the Transaction Confirmation

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Currency Option Style:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation
Seller:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Buyer:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Settlement Currency:	USD
Settlement Rate:	Means the exchange rate stated on the Fixing Reference expressed as the USD amount per 1.00 of the Reference Currency on any Valuation Date.
Fixing Reference:	As specified in the Transaction Confirmation.
Calculation Agent Determination of Settlement Rate:	Applicable
Business Day:	Any day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in New York.
Business Day Convention:	Following
Calculation Agent:	Party A

6. Disruption Events and Fallbacks:

Event Currency:	The Virtual Currency specified in the Transaction Confirmation
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Non-Event Currency:	USD
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Disruption Event(s):	
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(a) General Inconvertibility:	Applicable.
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Disruption Fallback:	No-Fault Termination
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(b) General Non-Transferability:	Applicable.
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Disruption Fallback:	No-Fault Termination
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(c) Calculation Agent Determination of Disruption Event:	Applicable
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Disruption Fallback(s):	
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Where settlement is Deliverable (as specified in the Transaction Confirmation, the following provision regarding Fallback Reference Price shall apply:

(a) Fallback Reference Price:	The Calculation Agent will determine the
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Settlement Rate for the Transaction on the relevant Exercise Date (or, if different, the day on which rates for that Exercise Date would, in the ordinary course, be published or announced) pursuant to the first of the alternate pricing sources or methodologies specified below that is not subject to Price Source Disruption:

First,

- (a) In the case of BTC, the Bloomberg Crypto Fixings (CFIX) available under Bloomberg Ticker: XBT CFIX Currency.
- (b) In the case of ETH, the Bloomberg Crypto Fixings (CFIX) available under Bloomberg Ticker: XET CFIX Currency.
- (c) In the case of another Virtual Currency, if not available on Bloomberg CFIX, a commonly utilized alternate pricing source, as specified in the Transaction Confirmation.

Second,

- (a) In the case of BTC, Tradeblock XBX Index rate;
- (b) In the case of ETH, Tradeblock ETX Index rate;
- (c) In the case of another Virtual Currency, a commonly utilized alternate pricing source that is not subject to Price Source Disruption.

Third, the Calculation Agent Adjustment of the Settlement Rate if no Adjustment Event has occurred or is continuing, or the Modified Calculation Adjustment of the Settlement Rate if an Adjustment Event has occurred and is continuing and Party A has elected to apply Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment as described below under "Adjustment Events."

Calculation Agent Adjustment Means that the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Rate by taking into consideration all available information that in good faith it deems relevant.

Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment

Means that the Calculation Agent shall in its sole discretion either:

- (1) make such adjustment to the exercise, settlement, payment or any other terms of the Transaction as the Calculation Agent determines

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appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Transaction of any Adjustment Event (including adjustments to account for changes in volatility, expected dividends or other distributions, or liquidity relevant to the Reference Currency or to the Transaction), and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or

(2) if the Calculation Agent determines that no adjustment that it could make under the previous clause (1) will produce a commercially reasonable result, the relevant Transaction shall terminate, in which case "Cancellation and Payment" will be deemed to apply.

Cancellation and Payment

Means the Transaction will be cancelled as of the effective date of the Adjustment Event (as determined by the Calculation Agent) and any payment to be made by one party to the other shall be the Calculation Agent Adjustment Amount.

Adjustment Events:

Upon the occurrence of a Potential Adjustment Event that has a 5% or greater effect on the theoretical value of (a) one unit of the Reference Currency or (b) the Transaction any time during the 14 calendar day period immediately following the occurrence of such Potential Adjustment Event (an "**Adjustment Event**"), Party A may in its sole discretion elect Modified Calculation Agent Adjustment. For purposes of determining whether an Adjustment Event has occurred, the theoretical value of one whole unit of the Reference Currency, as applicable, at any time during the 14 calendar day period immediately following the occurrence of a Potential Adjustment Event shall be compared to the value of one whole unit of the Reference Currency, as applicable, as of the point in time immediately prior to the occurrence of such Potential Adjustment Event, with reference to the Settlement Rate at such time.

Potential Adjustment Event:

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following:

(1) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of the Reference Currency, or any similar action in respect of the underlying protocol of the Reference Currency.

(2) a free distribution (including but not limited to an "airdrop") or dividend of the Reference

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Currency, any other Virtual Currency, cash, or any other asset to existing holders of such Virtual Currency by way of bonus;

(3) a change in the operating rules of the underlying protocol of the Reference Currency (i.e., a "fork"), capitalization or otherwise;

(4) a swap, migration, conversion or exchange of the Reference Currency into or for another asset (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include the Reference Currency);

(5) the imposition of, change in or removal of an excise, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Currency or any Virtual Currency into which or for which it may be exchanged (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Trade Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Settlement Rate on the Settlement Date from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal;

(6) A generalized regulatory enforcement initiative by one or more government authorities on Virtual Currency exchanges, miners or others focused on price manipulation, criminal activity and like activity or effects; or

(7) Any other event that has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of (a) one unit of the Reference Currency or (b) the Transaction.

Virtual Currency

Any type of digital unit (including the Reference Currency) that is used as a medium of exchange or a form of digitally stored value, including but not limited to digital units of exchange that (A) have a centralized repository or administrator, (B) are decentralized and have no centralized repository or administrator, and/or (C) may be created or obtained by computing or manufacturing effort.

[Section 7 appears on next page]

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7. Form ISDA Master Agreement:

(a) This Master Confirmation shall supplement, form part of, and be subject to the Form ISDA Master Agreement, as deemed entered into as of the date hereof in accordance with Paragraph 1 (b). All provisions contained in or incorporated by reference in that Form ISDA Master Agreement will govern this Master Confirmation except as expressly modified below. Unless the parties subsequently choose to execute and deliver a Form ISDA Master Agreement with specific modifications, this Master Confirmation, together with all other documents referring to the Form ISDA Master Agreement confirming the Reference Currency Transactions entered into between the parties (notwithstanding anything to the contrary in a Transaction Confirmation), shall supplement, form a part of, and be subject to, an agreement in the form of the Form ISDA Master Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 1 (b), except for the following elections.

- i. Governing Law: New York.
- ii. Termination Currency: U.S. Dollars.
- iii. Multiple Transaction Payment Netting: Applicable.
- iv. Specified Entities of Party B: All Affiliates.
- v. Process Agent. For the purposes of Section 13(c) of the Form ISDA Master Agreement, Party A appoints as its Process Agent: Genesis Global Trading, Inc. and Party B appoints as its Process Agent itself.
- vi. Offices: Party A is not a multibranch party and acts from its office in New York. Party B is not a multibranch party and acts from its office in Saint Kitts and Nevis.
- vii. Credit Support Document: The deemed credit support annex as described in paragraph 8 Margin.
- viii. Payee Tax representations of Party B: Party B represents that it is a foreign person (as that term is used in section 1.604-4(a) of the U.S. Treasury Regulations) for U.S. federal income tax purposes and “exempt” within the meaning of sections 1.6041-3(p) and 1.6049-4(c) of the U.S. Treasury Regulations from information reporting on U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 and backup withholding.
- ix. Documents to be Delivered by Party B prior to the first Transaction:
 1. Identification as per onboarding process.
 2. IRS Form W-8ECI (or any successor thereto) in duplicate, including appropriate attachments, that eliminates U.S. federal withholding tax and backup withholding tax on payments under this Agreement.

(b) For purposes of "Withholding Tax imposed on payments to non-US counterparties under the United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA:

(i) "Indemnifiable Tax" as defined in Section 14 of the Form ISDA Master Agreement shall not include any U.S. federal withholding tax imposed or collected pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), any current

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or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code (a **"FATCA Withholding Tax"**),

- (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, a FATCA Withholding Tax is a Tax the deduction or withholding of which is required by applicable law for the purposes of Section 2(d) of the Form ISDA Master Agreement, and
- (iii) if the parties each independently decide to adhere to any ISDA Protocol on FATCA Withholding Tax, upon effective adherence by both parties, the provisions of such Protocol shall supersede the foregoing provision) on the Trade Date of the first such Transaction between us. Additionally, the parties agree that the definitions and provisions contained in the Attachment to the 2010 Short Form HIRE Act Protocol published by ISDA on November 30, 2010 are incorporated into and apply to this Agreement as if set forth in full herein. The definition of "Indemnifiable Tax" shall not include any Dividend Equivalent Tax.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, any Transaction entered into prior to the execution of the Form ISDA Master Agreement and this Master Confirmation shall be subject to the terms of such ISDA Form and Master Confirmation as though such Transaction had been entered into after the parties had executed such ISDA Form and Master Confirmation between them.

8. Margin; Form ISDA CSA

(a) This Master Confirmation shall supplement, form part of, and be subject to the Form ISDA CSA, as deemed entered into as of the date hereof in accordance with Paragraph 1 (b). All provisions contained in or incorporated by reference in that Form ISDA CSA will govern this Master Confirmation except as expressly modified below. Unless the parties subsequently choose to execute and deliver a Form ISDA CSA with specific modifications, this Master Confirmation shall constitute a credit support agreement, and together with all other documents referring to the Form ISDA Master Agreement and the Form ISDA CSA confirming Transactions entered into between the parties (notwithstanding anything to the contrary in a Transaction Confirmation), shall supplement, form a part of, and be subject to, an agreement in the form of the Form ISDA CSA in accordance with Paragraph 1 (b), with the following Paragraph 13 elections:

- (1) Eligible Collateral:
 - a. Party A: Not applicable
 - b. Party B:
 - i. USD Cash; valuation percentage 100%;
 - ii. Reference Currency; valuation percentage 100% at Spot Rate.
 - iii. Additional categories of Eligible Collateral as set forth in the related Transaction Confirmation.

- (2) Independent Amount:

- a. Party A: None;

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- b. Party B: As set forth in the related Transaction Confirmation
- (3) Threshold:
 - a. Party A: Infinity
 - b. Party B: As set forth in the related Transaction Confirmation
- (4) Minimum Transfer Amount
 - a. As set forth in the related Transaction Confirmation
- (5) Rounding: The Delivery Amount and the Return Amount shall be rounded down to the nearest integral multiple of USD100.
- (6) Conditions Precedent and Secured Party's Rights and Remedies: The Termination Event for Illegality will be a «Specified Condition» for Party B, which will be the Affected Party.
- (7) Holding and Using Posted Collateral. Party A and its Custodian shall be entitled to hold Posted Collateral pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the Form ISDA CSA.

9. Relationship Between the Parties

- a. No Reliance, etc. Each party represents that (i) it is entering into the Transaction evidenced hereby as principal (and not as agent or in any other capacity); (ii) neither the other party nor any of its agents are acting as a fiduciary for it; (iii) it is not relying upon any representations except those expressly set forth in the Agreement or this Confirmation; (iv) it has not relied on the other party for any legal, regulatory, tax, business, investment, financial, and accounting advice, and it has made its own investment, hedging, and trading decisions based upon its own judgment and upon any view expressed by the other party or any of its agents; and (v) it is entering into each Transaction with a full understanding of the terms, conditions and risks thereof and it is capable of and willing to assume those risks.
- b. No Regulated Swaps Entity. Each party represents that (i) it is not provisionally registered with the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") as a swap dealer or major swap participant (each as defined in the United States Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and rules promulgated thereunder) and is not a U.S. Person pursuant to applicable CFTC guidance (each, a "DF Swap Entity"), (ii) it is not guaranteed by a DF Swap Entity, (iii) it is not a financial counterparty for purposes of Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("EMIR") and (iv) it has negotiated the Transaction exclusively from the offices described in paragraph 7 above.
- c. Eligible Contract Participant. Each party represents that it is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the CEA and rules and other guidance of the CFTC promulgated thereunder.
- d. No Retail Commodity Transaction. Party B represents that no Transaction is a "retail commodity transaction" as defined in Section 2(c)(2)(D) of the CEA.
- e. Dodd-Frank Reporting. Party A will act as the "reporting counterparty" as required by Parts 43, 45 and 46 of Title 17, Chapter 1 of the CFTC's regulations for all Transactions under this Agreement. Party B appoints Party A to perform the reporting obligations on its behalf and Party A accepts that appointment.
- f. Securities Law Matters: To the extent the Virtual Currency applicable to a Virtual Currency Transaction is considered to be a security as defined in the Securities Act of

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1933, Party B represents that the amount of Virtual Currency that is subject to a Transaction is not subject to any restrictions on transfer under the Securities Act and SEC regulations and interpretations thereunder.

g. **USA PATRIOT Act Notice.** Party A hereby notifies Party B that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies Party B, which information includes the name and address of Party B and other information that will allow Party A to identify Party B in accordance with the Act.

h. Selected Risks of Virtual Currency Options. PARTY B ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RISK OF LOSS IN TRADING VIRTUAL CURRENCIES SUCH AS BTC OR ETH CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL AND, THEREFORE, PARTY B HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WHETHER SUCH TRADING IS APPROPRIATE FOR IT IN LIGHT OF ITS CIRCUMSTANCES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IT IS AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING RISKS OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRADING:

- i. The volatility and unpredictability of the price of Virtual Currency relative to fiat currency may result in significant loss over a short period of time. Certain virtual currencies have experienced daily price volatility of more than 20%. This could result in an Adjustment Event under a Transaction.
- ii. The risk of losing one's entire investment increases as a Call Option goes out of the money and as expiration nears.
- iii. The Reference Currency is not legal tender, is not backed by the government, and accounts and value balances are not subject to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Securities Investor Protection Corporation protections.
- iv. Legislative and regulatory changes or actions at the state, federal, or international level may adversely affect the use, transfer, exchange, and value of Virtual Currency including the Reference Currency.
- v. Transactions in the Reference Currency or other Virtual Currency may be irreversible, and, accordingly, losses due to fraudulent or accidental transactions may not be recoverable.
- vi. Some Virtual Currency transactions shall be deemed to be made when recorded on a public ledger, which is not necessarily the date or time that the customer initiates the transaction.
- vii. The value of the Reference Currency or other Virtual Currency may be derived from the continued willingness of market participants to exchange fiat currency or other Virtual Currency for it, which may result in the potential for permanent and total loss of value of a particular Virtual Currency (such as the Reference Currency) should the market for that Virtual Currency disappear.
- viii. There is no assurance that a person who accepts a Virtual Currency as payment on any Trade Date or Exercise Date will continue to do so in the future.
- ix. The nature of Virtual Currency may lead to an increased risk of fraud or cyber-attack. A cybersecurity event could result in a substantial, immediate and irreversible loss for market participants that trade virtual currencies. Even a minor cybersecurity event in a Virtual

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Currency is likely to result in downward price pressure on that product and potentially other Virtual Currencies.

- x. The ability to participate in forks could also have implications. For example, one could experience losses if one hold Virtual Currency position through an exchange that does not participate in a fork that creates a new product.
- xi. PARTY A AND ITS CUSTODIAN MAY BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THESE RISKS WITH RESPECT TO VIRTUAL CURRENCY HELD AS COLLATERAL FOR ANY TRANSACTION.
- xii. VIRTUAL CURRENCY SPOT MARKETS ARE NOT REGULATED BY THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. One should consult an attorney, accountant and/or financial advisor and sufficiently understand the Virtual Currency markets and risks and carefully consider whether Virtual Currency is appropriate for one in light of their own financial circumstances.

i. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all annexes and appendices hereto, embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and supersedes all prior master confirmation agreements, contracts, representations, warranties, promises, covenants, arrangements, communications, and understandings, oral or written, express or implied, between or among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, including, without limitation, the two master confirmation agreements dated as of June 15, 2020 between the parties for Bitcoin Cash Put Transactions and Bitcoin Cash Call Transactions, respectively, each of which agreements shall be deemed null and void, and of no further force or effect whatsoever following the date hereof.

[Signatures appear on next page]

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In witness whereof, Party A and Party B have executed this Master Confirmation as of the date first written above.

Party A

GGC International Limited

By: _____

Name: Michael Moro

Title: CEO

Party B

By: _____

Roger Ver

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Annex 1

Form of Transaction Confirmation

Transaction Confirmation for Virtual Currency Option Transactions

Dated as of YYYY/MM/DD (the “Trade Date”)

between

GGC International Limited (“Party A”) and

Roger Ver (“Party B”)

under the Amended & Restated Master Confirmation between the parties
dated as of 2020/06/22 (the "Effective Date")

Transaction Terms:

Buyer:	[Party A/Party B]
Seller:	[Party A/Party B]
Currency Option Style:	[European/American/Bermuda]
Currency Option Type:	[Put/Call]
Settlement:	[Deliverable/Non-deliverable]
Reference Currency	[BTC] [ETH] [other]
[Put/Call] Currency	Reference Currency
[Put/Call] Currency Amount:	[■] Units of the Reference Currency
Strike Price:	USD [] per 1.00 Unit of the Reference Currency
Expiration Date:	[] 202[]
Expiration Time:	[4:00 AM/PM (local time in New York, New York)]
Settlement Date:	Expiration Date
Premium:	USD []
Premium Payment Date:	Trade Date
Fixing Reference:	[]
Disruption Fallbacks	
[Fallback Reference Price	
Settlement Rate ¹ :	The Bloomberg Crypto Fixings (CFIX) applicable to the Event Currency.]

¹ Include only for non-BTC/ETH trades

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Event Currency: [Reference Currency]

A. Margin

Party B Independent Amount [USD 0]

Party B Threshold [USD 0]

[Notes on posting of margin, if any] []

Minimum Transfer Amount USD [100,000]

[Eligible Collateral Add'l Cat. Reference Currency]

B. Account Details:

Party A: As per trade execution

Party B: As per onboarding information

[Signatures appear on next page]

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In witness whereof, Party A and Party B have executed this Transaction Confirmation as of the Trade Date first written above.

Party A

Genesis Global Capital International Ltd.

DocuSigned by:
By: 
Name: Michael Moro
Title: CEO

Party B

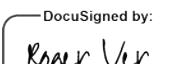
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By: 
Name: Roger Ver

Exhibit 3

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Virtual Currency Option Transaction Confirmation
dated as of March 22, 2022 ("Trade Date")
between GGC International Limited ("Party A")
and Roger Ver ("Party B")
under the Amended & Restated Master Confirmation Agreement dated June 22, 2020

Transaction Terms

Buyer:	Party A
Seller:	Party B
Currency Option Style:	European
Currency Option Type:	Put
Settlement:	Deliverable
Reference Currency:	Bitcoin Cash (BCH)
Put Currency:	Reference Currency
Put Currency Amount:	70,000 Units of the Reference Currency
Strike Price:	USD 545 per 1.00 Unit of the Reference Currency
Expiration Date:	December 30, 2022
Expiration Time:	21:00:00 UTC
Settlement Date:	Expiration Date
Premium:	USD 13,463,100
Premium Payment Date:	Trade Date
Fixing Reference:	Tradeblock BCX Index Rate

Disruption Fallbacks

Fallback Reference Price	
Settlement Rate:	XBN CFIx Currency
Event Currency:	Reference Currency

Margin

Party B Independent Amount:	11,445,000 USDC
Party B Variation Margin:	USD 0
Minimum Transfer Amount:	USD 100,000

Account Details

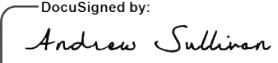
Party A:	As per trade execution
Party B:	As per onboarding information

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In witness whereof, Party A and Party B have executed this Transaction Confirmation as of the Trade Date first written above.

Party A

GGC International Limited

DocuSigned by:

By: F42F6115E20F498
Name: Andrew Sullivan
Title: Authorized Signatory

Party B

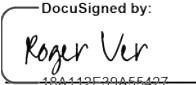
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Roger Ver
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Roger Ver

Exhibit 4

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Virtual Currency Option Transaction Confirmation
dated as of June 10, 2022 ("Trade Date")
between GGC International Limited ("Party A")
and Roger Ver ("Party B")
under the Amended & Restated Master Confirmation Agreement dated June 22, 2020

Transaction Terms

Buyer:	Party A
Seller:	Party B
Currency Option Style:	European
Currency Option Type:	Put
Settlement:	Deliverable
Reference Currency:	Ether (ETH)
Put Currency:	Reference Currency
Put Currency Amount:	10,000 Units of the Reference Currency
Strike Price:	USD 5,000 per 1.00 Unit of the Reference Currency
Expiration Date:	December 30, 2022
Expiration Time:	08:00:00 UTC
Settlement Date:	Expiration Date
Premium:	USD 32,570,000.0
Premium Payment Date:	Trade Date
Fixing Reference:	Coinbase: ETH/USD

Disruption Fallbacks

Event Currency:	Reference Currency
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Margin

Party B Independent Amount:	USD 15,000,000.00
Party B Variation Margin:	USD 0

Account Details

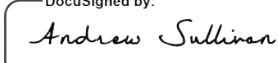
Party A:	As per trade execution
Party B:	As per onboarding information

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In witness whereof, Party A and Party B have executed this Transaction Confirmation as of the Trade Date first written above.

Party A

GGC International Limited

DocuSigned by:

By: 542F6115E20F498
Name: Andrew Sullivan
Title: Authorized Signatory

Party B

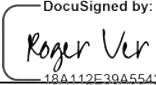
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By: 18A112E30A55427
Roger Ver

Exhibit 5

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Virtual Currency Option Transaction Confirmation
dated as of June 11, 2022 ("Trade Date")
between GGC International Limited ("Party A")
and Roger Ver ("Party B")

under the Amended & Restated Master Confirmation Agreement dated June 22, 2020

Transaction Terms

Buyer:	Party A
Seller:	Party B
Currency Option Style:	European
Currency Option Type:	Put
Settlement:	Deliverable
Reference Currency:	Bitcoin ("BTC")
Put Currency:	Reference Currency
Put Currency Amount:	500 Units of the Reference Currency
Strike Price:	USD 26,000 per 1.00 Unit of the Reference Currency
Expiration Date:	December 30, 2022
Expiration Time:	08:00:00 UTC
Settlement Date:	Expiration Date
Premium:	USD 1,987,500.00
Premium Payment Date:	Trade Date
Fixing Reference:	Coinbase: ETH/USD

Disruption Fallbacks

Event Currency:	Reference Currency
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Margin

Party B Independent Amount:	USD 3,900,000.00
Party B Threshold:	USD 0
Minimum Transfer Amount:	USD 100,000

Account Details

Party A:	As per trade execution
Party B:	As per onboarding information

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In witness whereof, Party A and Party B have executed this Transaction Confirmation as of the Trade Date first written above.

Party A

GGC International Limited

By: _____

Name: Andrew Sullivan

Title: Authorized Signatory

Party B

Roger Ver

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

GGC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,

Plaintiff

v.

ROGER VER,

Defendant.

Index No. 650439/2023

Motion Seq. No. 001

**MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF / COUNTERCLAIM-DEFENDANT GGC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED'S
MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANT / COUNTERCLAIM-PLAINTIFF
ROGER VER'S COUNTERCLAIMS**

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Plaintiff / Counterclaim-Defendant GGC International Limited (“GGC International”) respectfully submits this memorandum of law in support of its motion (the “Motion”), pursuant to CPLR 3211(a)(1) and 3211(a)(7) to dismiss the Counterclaims, dated May 9, 2023 (the “Counterclaims”) filed by Defendant / Counterclaim-Plaintiff Roger Ver (“Ver,” and together with GGC International, the “Parties”).¹

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Contracts mean what they say, and Ver’s Counterclaims plainly reveal that Ver did not follow the contractual prerequisites to file suit.

Ver, who describes himself as “experienced in digital asset investment,” entered an agreement with GGC International to trade cryptocurrency options, the Amended and Restated Master Confirmation Agreement for Virtual Currency Put and Call Options Transactions dated as of June 22, 2020 (the “Master Confirmation Agreement”).² Through the Master Confirmation Agreement, the Parties also entered the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (the “ISDA Master Agreement”)³ and the 1994 ISDA Credit Support Annex (the “ISDA Credit Support Annex”), including certain negotiated elections. The ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex are industry-standard documents that provide market participants with relationship terms that govern the trading of over-the-counter derivative transactions. Although Ver asserts several times that the Parties never signed the ISDA Master Agreement or the ISDA Credit Support Annex, the Master Confirmation Agreement explicitly states that the parties are

¹ The Counterclaims are attached as Exhibit A to the June 14, 2023 Affirmation of Jason Gottlieb (the “Gottlieb Aff.”).

² A true and correct copy of the Master Confirmation Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2 to the June 14, 2023 Affirmation of Alex van Voorhees (the “van Voorhees Aff.”).

³ A true and correct copy of the ISDA Master Agreement is attached as Exhibit 3 to the van Voorhees Aff.

deemed to enter into these documents, and indeed most of Ver's claims rely on the ISDA Master Agreement.

Pursuant to those relationship terms, the Parties entered numerous cryptocurrency options transactions with each other. Ver failed to settle certain options with expiration dates of December 30, 2022, which was an "Event of Default" under the ISDA Master Agreement. Thereafter, GGC International followed the contractual requirements of the ISDA Master Agreement; it provided notice of the default, designated an "Early Termination Date" and then sent Ver a "Calculation Statement" evidencing the amounts owed by Ver in light of his failure to settle the trades. After Ver failed to pay this amount owed, GGC International filed this action (ECF No. 9, the "Complaint").⁴

Ver answered the Complaint and asserted six Counterclaims: four for breach of contract, one for fraud, and one for fraudulent inducement. All of Ver's Counterclaims are legally insufficient and should be dismissed.

Ver's Counterclaims are each premised on the same set of allegations – that GGC International was insolvent, misrepresented its insolvency and omitted facts pertaining to its insolvency to Ver. Regardless of the veracity of such allegations – which GGC International vehemently denies – they are insufficient, even at the pleading stage.

Ver asserts that GGC International's alleged insolvency and misrepresentations – which allegedly occurred in mid-June 2022 – constituted an "Event of Default" under the ISDA Master Agreement. But assuming an Event of Default had occurred, Ver had a choice. He could have followed the conditions precedent to suit contained in the ISDA Master Agreement, including providing notice to the defaulting party of the alleged Event of Default, designating an "Early

⁴ The Complaint is attached as Exhibit B to the Gottlieb Aff.

Termination Date," and providing a "statement" showing how much is owed. Ver, by his own allegations, chose not to do so, likely because if Ver had actually thought that GGC International was insolvent, and followed the proper procedures, he still would have been required to pay GGC International a substantial sum under the relevant trades. Because GGC International had paid a premium to purchase the options from Ver, there was no possibility that GGC International would be required to make a net payment; if the options became valueless, GGC International would have just declined to exercise them. Ver instead allowed the contract to remain outstanding, presumably hoping that he would owe less, and then refused to make the required payment when the options matured. He is now attempting to circumvent his payment obligations to GGC International by alleging that an Event of Default occurred at some point nearly a year earlier. But that is not how the ISDA Master Agreement works. Ver's failure to follow the ISDA Master Agreement is fatal to his breach of contract Counterclaims.

The breach of contract Counterclaims also fail to state a claim because by Ver's own allegations, GGC International was never insolvent. Ver alleges that GGC International provided information about its solvency to Ver, but that information uniformly showed that GGC International's assets were greater than its liabilities. There are no allegations that GGC International has ever been unable to pay any debts, or has ever had any bankruptcy proceeding filed against it. By Ver's own allegations, GGC International is not insolvent, and never was.

Ver's fraud and fraudulent inducement Counterclaims are also insufficient, for several reasons. They concern the same facts and seek the same quantum of damages as the breach of contract Counterclaims, and thus should be dismissed as duplicative. They fail to plead any misrepresentation with particularity, and to the extent they rely on fraudulent omissions, such claims fail for lack of a fiduciary relationship. The fraudulent inducement Counterclaim fails

because the trades that Ver was allegedly induced to enter into were agreed by the parties before the allegedly fraudulent acts. And Ver disclaimed reliance in the relevant contracts, destroying his ability to bring fraud and fraudulent inducement Counterclaims now.

In sum, Ver's Counterclaims are a thinly disguised attempt to circumvent his own breach of contract. The Counterclaims should be dismissed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This statement of facts is based on the allegations in the Counterclaims, taken as true for purposes of this Motion, as well as documentary evidence cited herein.⁵

GGC International and Ver Enter Into the Master Confirmation Agreement

Ver describes himself as a “well-known Bitcoin Cash (‘BCH’) proponent” who is “experienced in digital asset investment.” CC ¶¶ 74-75. On or about June 22, 2020, the Parties entered into the Master Confirmation Agreement. Although Ver states that the Master Confirmation merely “referenced” the ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex and that “neither party ever executed and/or signed either of these documents,” CC ¶¶ 81-82, the Master Confirmation Agreement – which Ver alleges he did execute, CC ¶ 80 – explicitly states that GGC International and Ver are “deemed” to have entered into the ISDA Master Agreement and the ISDA Credit Support Annex. Master Confirmation Agreement § 1(b). And Section 7(a) of the Master Confirmation Agreement states that the Master Confirmation Agreement “shall supplement, form part of, and be subject to the Form ISDA Master Agreement.”⁶

⁵ While not relevant for this Motion, Ver's Counterclaims contain numerous factual inaccuracies, even outside of the infirmities enumerated in this Motion.

⁶ Ver's Counterclaims also are premised on the allegation that GGC International violated the ISDA Master Agreement. As such, even Ver does not believe that the fact that the Parties did not formally sign the ISDA Master Agreement has any legal significance.

The ISDA Master Agreement, which Ver was deemed to have entered by virtue of the Master Confirmation Agreement, provides the general conditions for payment and delivery. In particular, Section 2(a)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that “[e]ach party will make each payment or delivery specified in each Confirmation to be made by it, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement.” Section 2(a)(ii) of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that “[p]ayments under this Agreement will be made on the due date for value on the date in the place of the account specified in the relevant Confirmation or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, in freely transferable funds and in the manner customary for payments in the required currency.”

Section 5(a) of the ISDA Master Agreement lists several potential “Events of Default.” As relevant to Ver’s Counterclaims, Section 5(a)(iv) states that it is an Event of a Default if a party makes a representation that “proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect.” And Section 5(a)(vii) states that it is an Event of Default where a party “becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due.”

The ISDA Master Agreement contains a very specific process as to what the non-defaulting party may elect to do after an Event of Default has occurred. Section 6(a) states that in the event that an Event of Default “has occurred and is then continuing,” the non-defaulting party may “designate a day not earlier than the day such notice is effective as an Early Termination Date in respect of all outstanding Transactions.” Section 6(e)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that “[i]f notice designating an Early Termination Date is given under Section 6(a) . . . the Early Termination Date will occur on the date so designated, whether or not the relevant Event of Default . . . is then continuing.”

Upon an Early Termination Date, an “Early Termination Amount” is due. Section 6(e)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement sets forth the detailed formula to determine the “Early Termination Amount”:

Section (6)(d)(i) of the ISDA Master Agreement also states that upon the “occurrence of an Early Termination Date, each party will make the calculations . . . contemplated by Section 6(e)” and will provide such statement to the other party. Section 6(d)(2) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that any “Early Termination Amount will be payable “on the day on which notice of the amount payable is effective in the case of an Early Termination Date which is designated or occurs as a result of an Event of Default.” Section 6(f) of the ISDA Master Agreement provides that an “Early Termination Amount” payable by one party can be “set-off” by amounts due to that party.

Section (9)(a) of the ISDA Master Agreement states that “[t]his Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. Each of the parties acknowledges that in entering into this Agreement it has not relied on any oral or written representation, warranty or other assurance (except as provided for or referred to in this Agreement) and waives all rights and remedies which might otherwise be available to it in respect thereof, except that nothing in this Agreement will limit or exclude any liability of a party for fraud.” And Section 9.a of the Master Confirmation Agreement states that each party is “not relying on any representations except those expressly set forth in the Agreement or this Confirmation.”

The Master Confirmation Agreement contains numerous disclaimers. In particular, in Section 9.a of the Master Confirmation Agreement, each Party represented that “it is not relying upon any representations except those expressly set forth in the Agreement or this

Confirmation,” that “it has made its own investment, hedging, and trading decisions based upon its own judgment and upon any view expressed by the other party or any of its agents,” and “it is entering into each Transaction with a full understanding of the terms, conditions and risks thereof and it is capable of and willing to assume those risks.” Master Confirmation Agreement § 9.a(iii)-(v).

Section 9.h of the Master Confirmation Agreement contains an additional disclaimer, in capitalized lettering: Ver “ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RISK OF LOSS IN TRADING VIRTUAL CURRENCIES SUCH AS BTC OR ETH CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL AND, THEREFORE [VER] HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WHETHER SUCH TRADING IS APPROPRIATE FOR IT IN LIGHT OF ITS CIRCUMSTANCES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.” Master Confirmation Agreement § 9.h. Ver further acknowledged that the “volatility and unpredictability of the price of Virtual Currency relative to fiat currency may result in significant loss over a short period of time.” Master Confirmation Agreement § 9.h.i. Ver also acknowledged that the “value of the Reference Currency or other Virtual Currency may be derived from the continued willingness of market participants to exchange fiat currency or other Virtual Currency for it, which may result in the potential for permanent and total loss of value of a particular Virtual Currency (such as the Reference Currency) should the market for that Virtual Currency disappear.” Master Confirmation Agreement § 9.h.vii.

GGC International and Ver Enter Into Options Transactions That Ver Fails to Settle

GGC International and Ver entered into numerous cryptocurrency options transactions governed by the Master Confirmation and the ISDA Master Agreement. Ver references three specific transactions in his Counterclaims, each of which was deep in the money to GGC International. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated March 22, 2022, Ver agreed to sell a put

option to GGC International for 70,000 units of BCH, with a strike price of \$545 per BCH. CC ¶ 241; van Voorhees Aff. Ex. 3. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 10, 2022, Ver agreed to sell a put option to GGC International for 10,000 Ether (“ETH”), with a strike price of \$5,000 per ETH. CC ¶ 249; van Voorhees Aff. Ex. 4. Pursuant to a trade confirmation dated June 11, 2022, Ver agreed to sell a put option to GGC International for 500 Bitcoin (“BTC”), with a strike price of \$26,000 per BTC. CC ¶ 257; van Voorhees Aff. Ex. 5. In each of the three options, GGC International agreed to pay a premium to Ver. van Voorhees Aff. Exs. 3-5. Those three options trades are also the subject of GGC International’s affirmative claims for Ver’s nonpayment. Compl. ¶ 36.

GGC International’s Complaint describes how Ver failed to settle those three options transactions, which all expired in the money to GGC International on December 30, 2022. After GGC International followed the enumerated contractual procedure, GGC International designated an “Early Termination Date,” and provided Ver with a statement showing that he owed \$20,869,788. Compl. ¶¶ 38-49. Ver failed to pay that amount to GGC International, leading to GGC International initiating this lawsuit against Ver.

Ver Baldly Alleges that He Is Excused From His Breach Due to Alleged Insolvency

Ver alleges in his Counterclaims that at some point during the contractual relationship between the Parties, GGC International became insolvent. Ver claims that on June 28, 2022, GGC International voluntarily provided Ver with an unaudited statement of financial condition showing its assets and liabilities as of June 20, 2022 (the “June 20 SOFC”). CC ¶ 177. The June 20 SOFC “claimed total assets of \$3.063 billion and liabilities of \$2.962 billion, which gave GGCI positive equity of just over \$100 million.” CC ¶ 178.

Ver alleges that GGCI's affiliate Genesis Asia Pacific Limited Pte ("GAP") had made loans to third party Three Arrows Capital Limited ("3AC"), a Singapore-based cryptocurrency hedge fund, and when 3AC was on the verge of collapse, GAP made margin calls to 3AC, liquidated 3AC's collateral, and initiated an arbitration against 3AC, including a request for emergency relief. CC ¶¶ 148-50.⁷ Ver alleges that after GAP failed to obtain that emergency relief, "Genesis Global then injected \$150 million into GGCI." CC ¶¶ 153-56.

Ver claims that when he subsequently received an unaudited statement of financial condition showing GGC International's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2022 (the "June 30 SOFC"), "positive equity had shrunk to \$14 million due to loans written down." CC ¶ 204.

Ver further alleges that GGC International held a significant amount of FTT tokens, the token issued by cryptocurrency exchange FTX, which subsequently went bankrupt in November 2022. CC ¶¶ 71, 123. Ver believes that such tokens were overvalued. Ver also alleges that he did not discover GGC International's significant FTT exposure until he subsequently received GGC International's 2021 audited financial statement (the "2021 Audited Financial Statement"). CC ¶¶ 209-16.

Ver thus asserts that "GGCI was insolvent in June due to various factors, including inaccurate loss recording, failure to apply appropriate discounts to Level 2 digital assets in the midst of a liquidity event, untimely recognition of substantial losses linked to 3AC and related parties, and untimely recognition of losses tied to the FTT-collateralized loan." CC ¶ 157.

⁷ While Ver uses inflammatory rhetoric to describe GAP's actions with respect to its arbitration against 3AC, *see, e.g.* CC ¶ 148 ("On June 12, Genesis executives set the plan in motion"), Ver does not allege that GAP did anything unlawful or inappropriate in that arbitration.

LEGAL STANDARD

The sole criterion in considering a motion to dismiss for failure to state a cause of action is whether “from the complaint’s four corners factual allegations are discerned which taken together manifest any cause of action cognizable at law.” *Dinerman v. Jewish Bd. of Family & Children’s Servs., Inc.*, 55 A.D.3d 530, 531 (2d Dep’t 2008); *see also Sheila C. v. Povich*, 11 A.D.3d 120, 122 (1st Dep’t 2004). A “defendant is entitled to notice of the material elements of each cause of action.” *Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co. v. Merchants Mut. Ins. Co.*, 84 A.D.2d 736, 736 (1st Dep’t 1981). Even “[l]iberally construing plaintiffs’ allegations,” a complaint must contain “specificity needed to apprise defendant of the occurrences at issue.” *Fawer v. Shipkevich PLLC*, 213 A.D.3d 408, 408 (1st Dep’t 2023). *See also Mid-Hudson Val. Fed. Credit Union v. Quartararo & Lois, PLLC*, 31 N.Y.3d 1090, 1091 (2018) (a complaint will be dismissed when it “failed to allege facts ‘sufficiently particular to give the court and defendants notice of the transactions, occurrences, or series of transactions or occurrences, intended to be proved.’”) (citing CPLR 3013). And while a court “will not dismiss a complaint simply because of poor draftsmanship, [where as] here, the court cannot strain to give meaning to a pleading which generally fails to state any cognizable claim against the defendants” dismissal is warranted. *Hinnant v. Carrington Mtge. Servs., LLC*, 56 Misc. 3d 1205(A), 1205A (Sup. Ct. Kings Cnty. 2017).

“In those circumstances where the legal conclusions and factual allegations are flatly contradicted by documentary evidence, they are not presumed to be true or accorded every favorable inference.” *Morgenthaler & Latham v. Bank of N.Y. Co.*, 305 A.D.2d 74, 78 (1st Dep’t 2003) (citations and quotation marks omitted).

ARGUMENT

I. THE BREACH OF CONTRACT COUNTERCLAIMS SHOULD BE DISMISSED

A. Ver Failed to Comply with the ISDA Master Agreement's Conditions Precedent to Suit

“According to well-established rules of contract interpretation, ‘when parties set down their agreement in a clear, complete document, their writing should as a rule be enforced according to its terms.’” *Ashwood Capital, Inc. v. OTG Mgmt., Inc.*, 99 A.D.3d 1, 7 (1st Dep’t 2012) (quoting *W.W.W. Assocs. v. Giancontieri*, 77 N.Y.2d 157, 162 (1990)). In “commercial contracts negotiated at arm’s length by sophisticated counseled businesspeople . . . ‘courts should be extremely reluctant to interpret an agreement as impliedly stating something which the parties have neglected to specifically include.’” *Ashwood Capital, Inc.* 99 A.D.3d at 7 (quoting *Vt. Teddy Bear Co. v. 538 Madison Realty Co.*, 1 N.Y.3d 470, 475 (2004)). Courts “may not by construction add or excise terms, nor distort the meaning of those used and thereby ‘make a new contract for the parties under the guise of interpreting the writing.’” *Ashwood Capital, Inc.*, 99 A.D.3d at 7 (quoting *Reiss v. Fin. Performance Corp.*, 97 N.Y.2d 195, 199 (2001)).

A “contract is unambiguous if ‘on its face it is reasonably susceptible of only one meaning.’ Parol evidence cannot be used to create an ambiguity where the words of the parties’ agreement are otherwise clear and unambiguous.” *Riverside S. Planning Corp. v. CRP/Extell Riverside, L.P.*, 60 A.D.3d 61, 66 (1st Dep’t 2008) (quoting *Greenfield v. Philles Records*, 98 N.Y.2d 562, 569 (2002)). “[C]lear contractual language does not become ambiguous simply because the parties to the litigation argue different interpretations.” *Riverside S. Planning Corp.*, 60 A.D.3d at 67 (citations omitted). “Whether a contract is ambiguous must be determined by the court as a matter of law, looking solely to the plain language used by the parties within the

four corners of the contract to discern its meaning and not to extrinsic sources.” *Ashwood Capital, Inc.*, 99 A.D.3d at 7-8.

The elements of breach of contract are “the existence of a contract, the plaintiff’s performance thereunder, the defendant’s breach thereof, and resulting damages.” *Harris v. Seward Park Hous. Corp.*, 79 A.D.3d 425, 426 (1st Dep’t 2010) (citation omitted). Courts will dismiss claims for breach of contract if the contract unambiguously contradicts the plaintiff’s allegations. See 99 A.D.3d at 8-9; 60 A.D.3d at 67; *Jackson v. YAM Holding Corp.*, 97 A.D.3d 637, 638-39 (2d Dep’t 2012) (dismissing claim for breach of contract and declining to consider extrinsic evidence of parties’ intent).

Ver has asserted four Counterclaims for breach of contract. Each is premised on Ver’s allegation that GGC International was insolvent. The first Counterclaim alleges that GGC International breached the ISDA Master Agreement because it is an “Event of Default” under that agreement for a party to be insolvent. CC ¶¶ 227-38. While the first Counterclaim fails to reference a specific clause in the ISDA Master Agreement, it is apparent that Ver is alleging a breach of Section 5(a)(vii) of the ISDA Master Agreement, quoted above. The second to fourth Counterclaims assert that GGC International made a “misrepresentation” about its solvency to Ver. CC ¶¶ 239-62. While the second to fourth Counterclaims fail to reference a specific clause in the ISDA Master Agreement, it is evident that Ver is alleging a breach of Section 5(a)(iv) of the ISDA Master Agreement, stating that it is an “Event of Default” under the ISDA Master Agreement for one party to make a misrepresentation to the other party.

Regardless of the truth of Ver’s allegations (which are absolutely false), the four Counterclaims for breach of contract each suffer from the identical key legal flaw requiring

dismissal – Ver failed to follow the ISDA Master Agreement’s contractual pre-requisites to sue for breach of that agreement, which served as conditions precedent.

The Court of Appeals has explained that a condition precedent to recovery is an “act or event, other than a lapse in time, which, unless the condition is excused, must occur before a duty to perform a promise in the agreement arises.” *MHR Capital Partners LP v. Presstek, Inc.*, 12 N.Y.3d 640, 645 (2009) (affirming dismissal of complaint) (citation and quotation marks omitted). The Court of Appeals “recognized that the use of terms such as ‘if,’ ‘unless’ and ‘until’ constitutes ‘unmistakable language of condition.’” *Id.* (quotation marks omitted). “Express conditions must be literally performed; substantial performance will not suffice.” *Id.* See also *ACE Sec. Corp., Home Equity Loan Tr., Series 2006-SL2 v. DB Structured Prods., Inc.*, 25 N.Y.3d 581, 589 (2015) (“the two certificateholders did not validly commence this action because they failed to comply with the contractual condition precedent to suit”); *Erickson Air-Crane, Inc. v. EAC Holdings, L.L.C.*, 84 A.D.3d 464, 465 (1st Dep’t 2011) (affirming dismissal of complaint for plaintiff’s failure to comply with a condition precedent).

As explained above, the ISDA Master Agreement contains a very specific procedure that is available to a non-defaulting party in the event of the party’s insolvency or misrepresentation. The ISDA Master Agreement plainly states that “[i]f at any time an Event of Default with respect to a party . . . has occurred and is then continuing, the other party may, by not more than 20 days notice to the Defaulting Party specifying the relevant Event of Default, designate” an “Early Termination Date in respect to all outstanding Transactions,” which will “occur on the date so designated.” ISDA Master Agreement §§ 6(a), (c). Then, the ISDA Master Agreement contains a detailed process by which the parties make calculations as to how much is owed (factoring in set-offs for other transactions), and provide a “statement” showing those calculations. ISDA

Master Agreement §§ 6(d)-(f). Indeed, Ver concedes this contractual procedure; he alleges that “in the event of default, all transactions were to be terminated, and the parties were expected to settle any financial obligations at that point.” CC ¶ 234. Notably, Section 6(a) uses conditional language; it only permits the non-defaulting party to declare an Early Termination Date – in turn requiring the parties to engage in the process set forth in Sections (6)(c)-(f) of the ISDA Master Agreement – “[i]f at any time an Event of Default . . . has occurred and is then occurring” (emphasis added). The ISDA Master Agreement thus utilizes the conditional language indicative of a condition precedent as explained by the Court of Appeals in *MHR Capital Partners*.

Thus, after the non-defaulting party follows the procedures in Section 6 of the ISDA Master Agreement, if the defaulting party does not pay the amount owed, that failure to pay would be a breach. Indeed, Ver’s failure to pay after GGC International followed these procedures is precisely what GGC International is asserting in its claims against Ver.

Section 6’s requirements make logical sense. When a non-defaulting party takes no action after its counterparty defaults, it does not need to change its market position or re-hedge its risk. This is also why a non-defaulting party cannot designate an Early Termination Date more than twenty days into the future under Section 6(a) of the ISDA Master Agreement: timing of the valuation matters. A party should not be permanently excused from making payments on its obligations or should be allowed to circumvent its contractual obligations by arguing that its counterparty was in breach at some point in the distant past. *See, e.g., SSC NY Corp. v. Inveshare, Inc.*, No. 655048/2016, 2018 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 3202, at *10-11 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. July 24, 2018) (denying motion for leave to assert counterclaim and explaining that an immaterial breach did not excuse the non-defaulting party’s payment obligations). *See also* Gottlieb Aff. Ex. C (relevant portions of transcript of oral decision in *In re Lehman Brothers*

Holdings, Inc., et al., No. 08-13555 (JMP), 2011 Bankr. LEXIS 1899 (S.D.N.Y. Bankr. May 23, 2011) finding that counterparty to ISDA agreement governing derivatives transactions was not excused from its payment obligations despite Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy).

Ver does not allege that he followed these pre-requisites to suit or that he provided any notice whatsoever of GGC International's alleged default. He does not allege that any purported Event of Default is "continuing." He does not allege that he provided notice to GGC International "specifying the relevant Event of Default." He does not allege that he ever designated an "Early Termination Date." Instead, he allowed the contracts to be terminated by GGC International (after his own breach), and is trying to circumvent his contractual obligations by alleging that GGC International was at one point insolvent nearly a year ago. That is not permitted by the relevant contracts. Ver's entire Counterclaims are thus premised on a made-for-litigation allegation that should be rejected even at the pleading stage.

Accordingly, having failed to follow the ISDA Master Agreement's conditions precedent to recovery, Ver's four breach of contract Counterclaims fail to state a claim and should be dismissed.

B. The Counterclaims Do Not Contain Sufficient Allegations of Insolvency

Ver's four Counterclaims for breach of contract fail for the additional reason that there are insufficient allegations of GGC International's insolvency. To the contrary, Ver's allegations support the allegation that GGC International was not insolvent.

Section 5(a)(vii) states that it is an "Event of Default" if a party, *inter alia*, "becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due." Ver fails to allege any filed insolvency proceeding for GGC International, because GGC International has never filed for insolvency (or been involuntarily

put into an insolvency proceeding).⁸ Ver does not allege that GGC International has ever been unable to pay its debts or has admitted such inability in writing. Ver pleads that he received multiple financial documents from GGC International but, upon his own allegations, all of them show that GGC International's assets were greater than its liabilities. *See CC ¶¶ 177-178, 204, 208.*

In an attempt to circumvent that basic math, Ver points to a number of facts (including facts extrinsic to GGC International) and makes the conclusory allegation that GGC International's financial statements must be wrong. For example, he complains that GGC International's balance sheet utilized the mark-to-market value of certain cryptocurrency tokens within GGC International's possession without discounting the assets' value given the potential for volatility or illiquidity in the market, CC ¶¶ 111-21, even though Ver admits that the mark-to-market valuation was set forth in its audited financial statement, i.e., was determined by GGC International's auditor as of the date set forth therein. CC ¶ 209. He also does not allege what the value of those tokens should have been.

Next, Ver alleges that GGC International suffered losses because an affiliate, Genesis Asia Pacific Limited Pte (not GGC International) lost a motion in an arbitration against failing cryptocurrency hedge fund 3AC to temporarily freeze certain assets, causing GGC International to write down its assets, CC ¶ 153, but again alleges that GGC International had positive equity by the June 30 SOFC. CC ¶ 204. Ver speculates that GGC International must have been insolvent on June 25, 2022, between the June 20 SOFC and the June 30 SOFC, CC ¶ 174, but does not explain why he chose that date or what GGC International's assets and liabilities were on that exact date. Ver makes the post-hoc allegation that certain FTT tokens possessed by GGC

⁸ To the contrary, as Ver admits, other Genesis entities have filed for bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of New York, CC ¶ 67; GGC International notably is not part of the bankruptcy.

International were overvalued because months later, FTX collapsed and filed for bankruptcy protection (in November 2022), CC ¶ 122-36, but FTX's November 2022 failure does not *ipso facto* mean that GGC International was insolvent three months earlier.

In total, Ver's allegations are completely speculative and conclusory and do not suffice. His Counterclaims for breach of contract should be dismissed. *See Matter of Northwest 5th & 45th Realty Corp. v. Mitchell, Maxwell & Jackson*, 164 A.D.3d 1158, 1158 (1st Dep't 2018) (denying petition under Debtor and Creditor law and finding that petitioner did failed to make a *prima facie* case of respondent's insolvency where "petition made no allegations about the fair salable value of [respondent's] assets"); *Eagle Eye Collection Corp. v. Shariff*, 190 A.D.3d 600, 602 (1st Dep't 2021) (affirming dismissal of cause of action under Debtor and Creditor Law because "plaintiff's conclusory allegations of insolvency does not suffice to support its claim"); *Goldberg v. EEI Holdco, Inc.*, Index No. 654617/2020, 2021 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 6244, at *4-5 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Dec. 7, 2021) ("plaintiff's conclusory allegation of insolvency does not suffice," noting that "it is not Defendants' burden to show that Holdco/EEI was *not* insolvent" and dismissing cause of action under Debtor and Creditor Law) (emphasis in original).

II. THE FRAUD COUNTERCLAIMS SHOULD BE DISMISSED

A. The Fraud Counterclaims Are Duplicative of the Breach of Contract Counterclaims

Ver's two fraud Counterclaims should be dismissed as duplicative of Ver's four breach of contract Counterclaims. Under longstanding New York law, "a fraud claim is not stated by allegations that simply duplicate, in the facts alleged and damages sought, a claim for breach of contract." *Cronos Grp. Ltd. v. XComIP, LLC*, 156 A.D.3d 54, 62 (1st Dep't 2017). The First Department "has held numerous times that a fraud claim that arises from the same facts as an accompanying contract claim, seeks identical damages and does not allege a breach of any duty

collateral to or independent of the parties' agreements is subject to dismissal as redundant of the contract claim." *Id.* at 62-63 (citations and internal quotation marks).

Applying this principle, courts routinely dismiss as duplicative fraud claims based on the same facts underlying a contract claim. *See, e.g., Bloom v. Papadakis & Gonzalez D.D.S., PLLC*, 180 N.Y.S.3d 21, 22 (1st Dep't 2022) ("Plaintiff's claim for fraudulent inducement against defendant Zachary Papadakis was properly dismissed, as it was duplicative of the breach of contract claim"); *Manipal Educ. Ams., LLC v. Taufiq*, 203 A.D.3d 662, 663 (1st Dep't 2022) ("The fraud claim against these defendants should also be dismissed . . . as duplicative of the breach of contract claim"); *Rising Sun Constr. L.L.C. v. CabGram Dev. LLC*, 202 A.D.3d 557, 559 (1st Dep't 2022) ("Defendants have failed to properly allege a counterclaim for fraudulent inducement in this straightforward breach of contract action"); *Land 'n Sea v. Thread Counsel, Inc.*, Index No. 653551/2020, 2021 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 12791 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Oct. 29, 2021) (dismissing fraud claims that "are based on the same facts as its breach of contract cause of action and plaintiff[s] seeks the same damages on its fraud and breach of contract claims").

Here, Ver's fraud Counterclaim (Count Five) and fraudulent inducement Counterclaim (Count Six) duplicate his four breach of contract Counterclaims. As explained in greater detail above, each of the four breach of contract Counterclaims are premised on Ver's allegation that GGC International was insolvent and made misrepresentations about such insolvency (including about a dispute with an unrelated third party 3AC), in violation of the ISDA Master Agreement. Ver's fraud Counterclaims are based on the exact same set of facts. Ver's fraud Counterclaim alleges that GGC International "knowingly made a material misrepresentation to Mr. Ver regarding its current financial condition" and that he was prevented "from discovering GGCI's insolvency and exercising his right to terminate the contract as a result." CC ¶¶ 269-70. Ver's

fraudulent inducement Counterclaim alleges that GGC did not tell Ver that it had submitted margin calls to 3AC and that it was liquidating collateral held by 3AC. CC ¶¶ 279-82. Each of the six causes of action seeks the exact same quantum of damages: \$20,000,000, plus punitive damages, and attorneys' fees and costs. *Compare* CC ¶¶ 238, 46, 54, 62 *with* CC ¶¶ 75, 87.

New York law thus requires dismissal of the fraud and fraudulent inducement Counterclaims as duplicative of the breach of contract Counterclaims.

B. Ver Has Failed to Allege Fraud With Particularity

“The elements of a cause of action for fraud require a material misrepresentation of a fact, knowledge of its falsity, an intent to induce reliance, justifiable reliance by the plaintiff and damages.” *Eurycleia Partners, LP v. Seward & Kissel, LLP*, 12 N.Y.3d 553, 559 (2009). Similarly, the elements of fraudulent inducement are: (1) a misrepresentation of material fact by the defendant; (2) which induced the plaintiff to enter into the contract; (3) scienter; (4) reasonable reliance; and (5) resulting injury. *Gaidon v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 94 N.Y.2d 330, 348 (1999).

Critically, “claim[s] rooted in fraud must be pleaded with the requisite particularity under CPLR 3016(b).”⁹ *Eurycleia Partners, LP*, 12 N.Y.3d at 559. *See also Ferro Fabricators, Inc. v. 1807-1811 Park Ave. Dev. Corp.*, 127 A.D.3d 479, 480 (1st Dep’t 2015) (“[T]he third-party complaint only contains general allegations as to the alleged misrepresentations and virtually no information as to when and by whom these representations were made.”).

Ver’s Counterclaims for fraud and fraudulent inducement fail to satisfy CPLR 3016(b).

⁹ CPLR 3016(b) states that “[w]here a cause of action or defense is based upon misrepresentation, fraud, mistake, willful default, breach of trust or undue influence, the circumstances constituting the wrong shall be stated in detail.”

The fraud Counterclaim fails to plead any misrepresentation with particularity. At most, Ver pleads that GGC International provided Ver with the June 20 SOFC but did not provide Ver with information about an arbitrator's denial of emergency relief sought by a different Genesis entity, GAP, against a third party 3AC, which Ver believes caused GGCI to "write down hundreds of millions of dollars in assets." CC ¶ 268. But, as explained above, the June 20 SOFC does not contain any misrepresentations, nor does Ver allege any such misrepresentations with particularity. And the fraudulent inducement counterclaim contains no affirmative misrepresentations whatsoever; it only contains omissions (which, as explained below, are also insufficient). CC ¶¶ 276-87.

Because the fraud and fraudulent inducement Counterclaims fail to meet CPLR 3016(b), they should be dismissed.

C. Ver Cannot State a Counterclaim for Fraudulent Omission

To the extent that Ver is alleging fraudulent omissions to support his Counterclaims for fraud and fraudulent inducement, such claims would fail because "an omission does not constitute fraud unless there is a fiduciary relationship between the parties." *Eurycleia Partners, LP*, 46 A.D.3d at 402. *See also Golub v. Tanenbaum-Harber Co., Inc.*, 88 A.D.3d 622, 622 (1st Dep't 2011) (same); *Sebastian Holdings, Inc. v. Deutsche Bank AG*, 78 A.D.3d 446, 447 (1st Dep't 2010) ("[T]he lack of a fiduciary relationship between the parties is fatal to plaintiff's claims for . . . fraudulent concealment.").

Ver's allegation that when GGC International provided Ver with the June 20 SOFC on June 28, 2022, it omitted to inform Ver of an order in the 3AC arbitration that had occurred on June 21, 2022, CC ¶¶ 268-69, is plainly an alleged omission, not an affirmative misrepresentation. Ver's allegation that GGC International did not disclose to Ver that its

affiliate GAP was issuing margin calls to 3AC and liquidating 3AC's collateral is also an omission. Yet, Ver does not allege that it had any fiduciary relationship with GGC International. To the contrary, each Party represented in the Master Confirmation Agreement that "neither the other party nor any of its agents are acting as a fiduciary for it." Master Confirmation Agreement § 9.a(ii). And the Counterclaims plainly allege that GGC International and Ver had an arms' length business relationship. Because there is no fiduciary relationship between GGC International and Ver, Ver cannot assert a claim against GGC International based on an allegedly fraudulent omission.

D. Ver Cannot State a Counterclaim For Fraudulent Inducement When the Trades at Issue Occurred Before the Allegedly Fraudulent Conduct

The fraudulent inducement claim fails for the additional reason that the three cryptocurrency options trades that are the subject of Ver's Counterclaims (and also the subject of GGC International's claim against Ver for breach of contract) were dated March 22, 2022, June 10, 2022, and June 11, 2022. CC ¶¶ 241, 249, 257. The alleged omissions center on the failure to inform Ver of margin calls and liquidations occurred at a later date, on June 12-13, 2022. CC ¶¶ 148-49. These omissions thus could not have induced Ver to enter into the three transactions, as Ver cannot rely on something that has not occurred yet. *See Eurykleia Partners, LP*, 46 A.D.3d at 402-03 (dismissing fraud claim because plaintiffs allegedly made purchases between December 1, 2004 and June 1, 2005, and so they "could not have relied on such alleged misrepresentations" that occurred afterwards, in June and July 2005); *High Tides, LLC v. DeMichele*, 88 A.D.3d 954, 958 (2d Dep't 2011) (plaintiff cannot state claims for fraudulent inducement when alleged misrepresentations and omissions "which occurred after [plaintiff] made investments in Kainos. . . . since the element of reliance is necessarily absent").

E. Ver Disclaimed Reliance on Extracontractual Representations

Ver's fraud Counterclaims fail for the additional that he disclaimed reliance on any extracontractual representations. Under New York law, disclaimers that parties are "not relying on any representations as to the very matter as to which they now claim they were defrauded," will render a fraud claim deficient. *Pappas v. Tzolis*, 20 N.Y.3d 233 (2012) (disclaimers in a pre-litigation agreement governing the sale of LLC membership interests precluded fraud claims). *See also HSH Nordbank AG v. UBS AG*, 95 A.D.3d 185, 201 (1st Dep't 2012) ("[t]o permit [plaintiff] to sue [defendant] for fraud based on extracontractual representations concerning the risk level of the notes would 'in effect condone [plaintiff's] own fraud in deliberately misrepresenting its true intention' when it disclaimed reliance on any such representations at the time of contracting."); *Chase Manhattan Bank v. N.H. Ins. Co.*, 304 A.D.2d 423, 424 (1st Dep't 2003) ("fraud claims cannot be brought by a contracting party who specifically disclaimed reliance on extracontractual representations and indicated that it would make its own investigation of the risks involved").

Here, as explained in greater detail above, the documentary evidence unambiguously shows that Ver agreed that he was not relying on statements made by GGC International, would perform his own investigation, and acknowledged that cryptocurrency assets were volatile and unpredictable. Master Confirmation Agreement ¶¶ 9.a, 9.h, 9.h.i. Based on these provisions, Ver disclaimed reliance on any alleged extracontractual representations purportedly made by GGC International. Without a basis to plead reliance, Ver cannot state a claim for fraud or fraudulent inducement.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons cited herein, the Court should issue an Order pursuant to CPLR 3211(a)(1) and 3211(a)(7) the Counterclaims in their entirety.

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-against-

ROGER VER

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)

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